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INDIA'S FINAL RALLY FOR INDEPENDENCE

Nation Renews Pledge & Salutes Tricolour

'VIGILANCE & SACRIFICE MUST CONTINUE'

Country-Wide Celebrations Pass Off Peacefully

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Independence Day was celebrated in Bombay to-day with solemn flag-salutation ceremonies, when the Independence Pledge was taken. In accordance with the instructions issued by the Congress Working Committee, no processions were taken out and no official Congress sponsored public meetings were held.

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Two ugly situations were averted, according to available reports, to-day when the citizens of Bombay renewed the hallowed pledge " to carry on if and whenever called upon the struggle for the independence of India" at myriads of small and big flag-salutation ceremonies, volunteer rallies and march-pasts of I.N.A. men.

GIRGAUM SENSATION.

While hundreds mustered on the Gowalia Tank Maidan to participate in the official Congress pledge-taking demonstration, the snapping of a flagrope in Girgaum, strung high above the ground across the streets, created a sensation resulting in stone-throwing on a small scale by interested parties. The swift intervention of Congress volunteers, who came on the scene in lorries, restored order in the locality.

Towards noon, riotous urchins in Thakurdwar went about in gangs stopping trams and vehicles. A flagpole was aimed at a private car, smashing its wind screen.

Following these incidents, tram service was suspended for a time in these localities.

FORWARD BLOC PLEDGE.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Forward Bloc a public meeting was held on the Chowpatty sands in the evening when Messrs. B. Kulkarni, Pishoori Lal, Jaswant Singh and Sharma explained the significance of the Forward Bloc Independence Pledge which was slightly different than that of the official Congress.

The speakers said that though their goal of Purna Swaraj was near, they could not reach it by merely shouting slogans. Indians should prepare for the final struggle for independence with revolutionary aims. That was what Netaji Subhas Bose cherished in his heart when he formed the Indian National Army, they said:

"We are on the threshold of Independence but this does not mean that the period of sacrifice and vigilance is over," said Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, unfurling the Tricolour at a mass rally on the Gowalia Tank Maidan this morning.

BEGINNING OF ANOTHER STRUGGLE.

Mr. Patil referred to the fact that a spirit of complacency was visible in certain quarters which had taken for granted that the very advent of independence would automatically and effortlessly solve all the country's manifold problems. "Independence is but the beginning of another real struggle—the struggle for mastery over want, the conquest of discontent and the elimination of the forces working for disruption, so that India could stand as the proud messenger of her unique, age-old culture once again."

Mr. Patil refuted the allegation that the Constituent Assembly was a "Hindu" or a "Congress" body. "The Constituent Assembly reflects the will of the Indian people whose many sections are represented, though not as fully and amply as we wish, therein," he said.

The whole gathering then silently took the Independence Pledge.

SOCIALIST FUNCTIONS.

Under the auspices of the Congress Socialist Party, Independence Day was observed in various wards.

Fifteen Independence Day meetings were organised and conducted peacefully in the various chawls of the city by the Bharat Rastriya Sewa Sangh.

Units of the Azad Hind Dal, many

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INDEPENDENCE DAY IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 26 (U.P.I.): In observance of Indian Independence Day a demonstration was organised by the India League this morning in a large hall in Central London. Messrs. Harold Laski, Krishna Menon, Reginald Sorensen, M.P. and Raffique Zakaria addressed the gathering.

A meeting was later held under the auspices of Swaraj House where Indians took the Independence Pledge in all its solemnity.

Indonesia's Greetings To India

Independence Day Messages To Nehru

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (API): Dr. Sultan Sjahrir, Prime Minister of the Republic of Indonesia, has extended "cordial greetings" to the Government and the people of India on the occasion of Indian Independence day.

In a telegram to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government, Dr. Sjahrir says: "On the occasion of the Indian Independence day the Government of Republic of Indonesia extends their most cordial greetings to the Government and the people of India. The Indonesians are watching with close interest India's heroic struggle to attain complete independence. Our good wishes—Sultan Sjahrir."

The Viet Nam delegation in Paris has also sent good wishes to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on behalf of the Viet Nam Republican Government.

VIET NAMESE RETREAT

French Troops Occupy More Villages

HANOI, Jan. 26. (Reuter): French forces have forced their way across the river Songhot to the west of Hongay on the coast of the Indo-Chinese province of Tongking north of Haiphong and captured the town of Yen Lap, according to a French High Command 'communique' issued here to-day.

The Viet Namese retreated, leaving behind them 15 dead including a Japanese and a large depot of munitions, the communique added.

North of Hanoi, the French occupied the village of Quan Tao, Quan Laso, Quan Soaka, Nak Dinh, Phu To and Nha Tran.

Indians Evacuated From Hanoi

HANOI, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Two French armoured columns have linked up on the shores of the great lake in the suburbs of Hanoi in the face of slight resistance from Viet Nam forces. French progress was slowed by the numerous barricades which sappers had to destroy. The French infantry, supported by spitfires and artillery, mopped up groups of Viet-Namese snippers in the area, cables Doon Campbell, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

I learned, writes the Correspondent, further details to-day of life of Indian Civilians trapped in the Viet Nam controlled Chinese Quarter of Hanoi. They were evacuated yesterday to safer quarters.

STRIKE WAVE IN BENGAL

30,000 Workers Of Different Industries Down Tools

CALCUTTA, January 26. (A.P.I.): The Calcutta tram strike continued on its sixth day today without either side showing any sign of relenting.

A survey of the strike position in Bengal shows that about 30,000 workers in different industries are idle, some of them in connection with strikes nearly two and a half months old.

The greatest number of these in any one industry are 16,000 employees of three jute mills, while about 4,800 workers are idle in different factories in and around Calcutta. The Calcutta tramway workers number 5,000. There are to lockouts resulting from workers absenting themselves as a protest against the recent police action on Viet Nam Day's in Calcutta.

Meanwhile January 28 and February 5 are the expiry [illegible] of strike notices submitted by employees of Garden Reach Municipality and the Calcutta Port Trust.

A threatened strike of Calcutta's Electric Supply workers has, however been averted.

Adiwasi Strikers' New Tactics

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, Jan. 26.

Adiwasi strike situation is taking a new turn. Mob violence has almost been controlled but strikers have taken to looting and [illegible] in small farm houses.

TRAVANCORE LIFTS BAN

Socialists To Enter State On Feb. 1

MADRAS, Jan. 26 (U.P.I.): The Travancore Government have withdrawn the ban on the entry into the State of Mr. Ashok Mehta, the Bombay Congress Socialist leader, Dr. K. B. Menon, Secretary of the All-India Civil Liberties Union, Bombay, and Mr. R. M. Manakalath, the Socialist leader from Cochin State.

In reply to the letter addressed to the Dewan by these Socialist leaders urging the cancellation of the ban and intimating the Dewan that in the event of the cancellation they would defy the ban, the Inspector-General of Police, Government of Travancore, in a communication to Mr. Ashok Mehta, observes:

"I am to inform you that with reference to your letter addressed to the Dewan of Travancore, dated January 21, the Travancore Government are withdrawing the ban on the entry into the State of yourself, Manakalath and Dr. Menon."

In view of the cancellation of the order Mr. Ashok Mehta in course of a statement to the United Press of India states that the 'jathas' announced to enter the Travancore State on February 1, are cancelled. "Only Dr. Menon and myself will be going to Travancore according to the original plan."

TO BOYCOTT KASHMIR ASSEMBLY?

JAMMU (KASHMIR) Jan. 26. (A. P. I.): The Muslim Conference has decided to ask their members in the State Assembly to boycott the Assembly if Chaudhri Ghulam Abbas, President, and other members of the Muslim Conference now under detention are not released forthwith.

Chaudhri Hamidullah Khan, acting President in course of statement here: nothing is being regarded by the Muslims as unjust and pinching as the most unjustifiable detention of the Conference leaders.

TORCH-BEARER OF ASIATIC PEOPLES' LIBERTY

Dr. Sundaram On India's "Human Determination" To Become Free

NEW YORK, January 26. (Reuter): Dr. Lanka Sundaram, Member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly told a meeting here today that "we in India have lighted the torch of liberty and brought it to the United Nations as a beacon light for countless millions of people in the world".

Speaking at the "town hall" in connection with the Independence Day, Dr. Sundaram added: "very soon, there will be established a republic of 400 million people as the finest example of human determination to become free and remain free".

Taking as his subject "India's freedom and the world crisis", Dr. Sundaram said: "Gandhi and Nehru in India today are the logical heirs to humanistic crusaders like Rousseau and Tom Paine, Tolestoi and Sun Yat Sen, Zaghlul Pasha and De Valera. Dr. Shariar Dr. Ho Chi Minh and Aung San are carrying the same torch of liberty which India has lighted".

Dr. Sundaram added: "in March, India will be the host for 32 Asiatic countries whose representatives are gathering in the first conference of its kind for the purpose of determining common policies for one thousand million people of Asia. This is a great portent for the future of the world. It is now established as a fact that India has assumed the leadership of the suppressed peoples of the world. Failure of India's freedom struggle can only be viewed as a peril to the peoples of the world who are struggling for their own liberties and of failure there is no need to talk today".

Rendition Of Rajkot Civil Station

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Jan. 26.

It is understood that H.H. Jamsaheb with family is going to England in March.

Rajkot civil station is likely to be handed over to Rajkot State before September and negotiations between the State and the Agency going on speedily.

Primary Teachers To Go On Strike

SATARA, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.): Forty-five thousand primary teachers in the Bombay Province will resort to a strike from March 12, 1947 and continue it till their demands put forward through the Bombay Provincial Primary Teachers Association are accepted and put into effect by the Bombay Government. This decision was taken at a special session of Bombay Provincial Primary Teachers Conference held here today under the presidentship of Principal M. V. Donde.

LUCKNOW, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.): Sumant Misra beat Ghaus Mohammed for the third time in succession this year to annex yet another trophy when they met in the finals of men's singles of the U. P. Lawn Tennis Championships this evening.

Sumant's steadfastness and tenacity helped him to victory.

"ENEMY" SHIPS "ATTACK" BOMBAY!

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The flagship of the Royal Indian Navy with Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffery Miles, Flag Officer Commanding, R.I.N. steamed triumphantly into Bombay harbour this morning leading eight other ships of the fleet. She looked "innocent", but few of the Bombay's millions new that she had made an "attack" on Bombay the previous night writes the special correspondent of the Associated Press of India on board H.M.I.S. "Jumna".

The Bombay Area Command recently ed a report the "enemy ships" "under the command of Admiral Miles" were in the vicinity of the coast.

A "state of war" having been declared, the shore Defence forces were able to put down the possible "method of attack by the enemy."

In the small hours of the morning on January 26, it was found that the coastal defence of Bombay was a match to the "enemy forces at sea", the "enemy ships" disclosed their identity. The "all clear" signal was given from sides and the last stage of fleet exercises terminated as H.M.I.S. Narbada followed by other ships of the fleet, steamed into the harbour in their true colours.

Albanian Allegations Against Greece

MOSCOW, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Tass, official Soviet News Agency, today published Albanian allegation that Greek troops were taking part in large-scale manoeuvres in an effort to deceive the United Nations which is to investigate conditions on northern borders of Greece.

The main body of the Commission is expected to arrive in Athens tomorrow.

Tass quoted an Albanian News Agency as saying "Greek troops are conducting various manoeuvres and staging 'attacks' on strategic points.

"Greek soldiers are firing from French mortars into the interior from two frontier posts."

Another Chinese Plane Missing

HONGKONG, Jan. 26, (Reuter): A China National Aviation Corporation Plane reported to be carrying passengers which left Canton yesterday for Chunking is reported missing, according to well-informed circles here today.

STOP PRESS

Arrests Continue

LAHORE, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): Muslims again took out processions to-day in different parts of the town in defiance of the Punjab Public Safety Ordinance.

The total number of arrests at 9-45 p.m. was 126.

"Pakistan" Editor Arrested

Mr. Abu Obaid Anwar editor of the "Pakistan", a communalist weekly of Lahore was arrested to-day at his residence under the Public Safety Ordinance. He has been sent to the Central Jail Multan but will be detained for one month.

SWEDISH PRINCE IN PLANE CRASH

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 26. (Reuter): A Dutch plane crashed this afternoon shortly after take-off from the aerodrome at Kastrup, South of Copenhagen.

Five members of the crew and 16 passengers were killed when the plane crashed in flames.

The nose of the plane struck the ground and there was an explosion.

The plane was bound for Stockholm.

It was later learnt that the Swedish Prince, Gustav Adolf and Grace Moore the American Singer, were killed in the crash.

Grace Moore was due to sing in a concert at Stockholm to-morrow.

Prince Gustav Adolf is the son of the Swedish Crown Prince. His adjutant was also killed when the plane—belonging to the Royal Dutch Airlines—crashed, killing all on board.

Syria's Demand On "Big Four"

DAMASCUS, Jan. 26. (Reuter): The Syrian Government is asking the "Big Four" powers to allow her to take part in the work of drawing up the German peace treaty. According to political circles, here.

In a note to be sent to the Four Powers, Syria will stress her contribution to the Allied war effort.

It is understood that the request was decided on after consultation with the Lebanon Government.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CHANDPUR, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): Two I.N.A. Peace Committee's camps in the Haimchar area were searched on Jan. 22 by the Police, it is learnt here. It is stated that nothing incriminatory was found.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 26. (Reuter): Hundred Chinese citizens, representing nearly every occupation and profession, to-day issued a joint appeal to the Chinese Central Government and to Chinese Communists to, "let bygones be bygones" and settle their differences by negotiation.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 26. (Reuter): After experiments lasting ten years Dr. B. F. J. Schonland of Johannesburg has invented an instrument which records the approach of lightning storms. The instrument looks like a small radio receiver and when the aerial "picks up" a flash of lightning it rings a bell and causes a lamp to flash.

CAWNPORE, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): All labour leaders and workers numbering about 150 arrested and convicted for breach of Section 144 Cr. P.C. in connection with the recent industrial strike were released.

MADRAS, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): Mr. Justice Clark, Judge of the Madras High Court, who has been deputed to enquire into the disturbances in Malakhand in the N. W. Frontier during Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's visit left Madras to-day by plane for Delhi from where he will proceed to the Frontier Province.

MADRAS, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): The Government of India have allotted a sum of Rs 1,66,66,660 to the Madras Province out of the Post-War Services Reconstruction Fund constituted by the Central Government.

Jinnah's Appeal To Viceroy

"Intervene In Punjab Situation Immediately: Govt's. Action Unwarranted"

ARRESTED LEADERS RELEASED

LAHORE, January 26. (A. P.I.): The Punjab Government have decided to withdraw cases against eight Muslim League M. L. A.'s including the Khan of Mamdot and Mr. Feroekhan Noon, former member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, who were arrested on Friday last on a charge of offering passive resistance, it is officially announced tonight.

CABINET MINISTERS IN CONCLAVE

It is understood that the Punjab Ministers held a meeting today at the residence of the Punjab Premier, Malik Khizar Hayat Khan to take stock of the situation arising out of the Satyagraha launched by the Punjab Muslim League.

BOTH FLAGS EXCLUDED FROM BAN

An extraordinary Punjab Government Gazette issued this afternoon excludes the respective flags of the Rashtriya Swayyamm Sewak Sangh and the Muslim League National Guards from the ban as these flags are also emblems of the Hindu Mahasabha and the Muslim League.

JINNAH 'SHOCKED'

KARACHI, January 26. (A.P.I.): Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has issued the following statement to the press:—

"I am shocked to read the report in the press of the decision of the Punjab Government to declare the Muslim National Guards organisation unlawful under the guise of and plea [illegible] private armies. There is not [illegible] of truth in it that the Muslim National Guards are based on the idea of rearing up a private army and this has been fully explained by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan in his statement issued yesterday. No complaint was made, or warning given, by the Punjab Government to the Executive of the National Guards, the Provincial Muslim League or the All-India Muslim League nor has the Muslim National Guards organisation been shown to have done anything or attempting to do anything that was unlawful.

"UNWARRANTED"

"The sudden swooping down upon the National Guards organisation and declaring it unlawful under Section 16 of the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, is most high-handed and unwarranted action and besides, it raises another very serious question as it strikes at the root of civil liberties. This is followed up with terrorist methods of searching the offices of the Muslim National Guards and arresting Muslim Leaguers. This policy of suppression and oppression of Muslim League raises very grave issues.

It is not clear whether this policy and the action taken by the Punjab Government is by the Ministry, or the Governor, or both. The Premier of the Punjab, who was in Delhi discussing with the Viceroy the question of a military academy for Punjab, when asked what he had to say about this

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'Saxon Trickery' Exploded

CAIRO, January 26. (U.P.A.): The Government's rejected decision to break off the Anglo-Egyptian treaty talks was warmly welcomed today in the first editorial comment appearing in the newspaper Alikhwah-el Muslemeen, official organ of the Muslim Brotherhood.

The editorial said, "At last the Saxon trickery, called negotiations, has been exploded and we are able to get out of this endless vicious circle. We shall go into the international arena and....tell the world how England claims to be the champion of freedom while she murders freedom."

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EIGHT STABBINGS ON SUNDAY

Two Killed In Explosion At Nagpada

BOMBAY, Sunday.

"Eight persons were injured in the knife attacks reported on Sunday. The incidents occurred in Parel, Nagpada, Lal Baug, Girgaum, Maharboeri and Dongri areas. One of the victims died," says a 'communique' issued by the Director of Publicity late tonight.

The 'communique' adds, "In all Police fired 33 rounds to quell hooliganism involving stone-throwing and looting of petty shops in Lower Parel, Girgaum, Byculla, Maharboeri, Pydhoni and Dongri areas. Stone-throwing was also reported from Nagpada and Kuria areas and acid throwing from Parel and Nagpada.

"A boy was injured in the firing and nine others by stone and acid.

"Five explosives, four of which issued and a cracker were thrown in Nagpada, Kamathipura Pydhoni and Lal Baug areas. Eight persons were injured and one died in the explosion in Nagpada.

"Two incidents of arson were reported from Parel and Pydhoni areas."

"In all 33 persons were rounded up of whom ten were in connection with the stabbings, ten in connection with the explosion in Nagpada and [illegible] stone-throwing and looting.

COCHIN PRESS ACT REPEALED

ERNAKULAM, Jan. 25 (A.P.I.): The Cochin Press Act which required an editor to take a license from the Government before starting a newspaper has been repealed by the Cochin Government.

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TRANSFER TO CONTINGENCY FUND	Rs.	95,000-0-0
PROVISION FOR DIVIDEND (4% subject to taxes)	Rs.	5,00,000-0-0
PROVISION FOR BONUS TO STAFF	Rs.	1,00,000-0-0
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CAWNPORE 16th January, 1947.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

In the matter of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913, and
In the matter of the Tata Power Company Limited.
The TATA POWER COMPANY, Limited ..... Petitioners.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 24th day of January, 1947, presented to the Honourable the Sitting Judge in Chambers for sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement therein mentioned AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable the Sitting Judge in Chambers on the 14th day of February, 1947.

Any person interested in the said Company as shareholder or otherwise desirous of opposing the making of the Order for sanction of the said Scheme of Arrangement should appear at the hearing by himself or his Counsel for the purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any person requiring the same by the undermentioned whose address is 123, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, on payment of the usual charge for the same.

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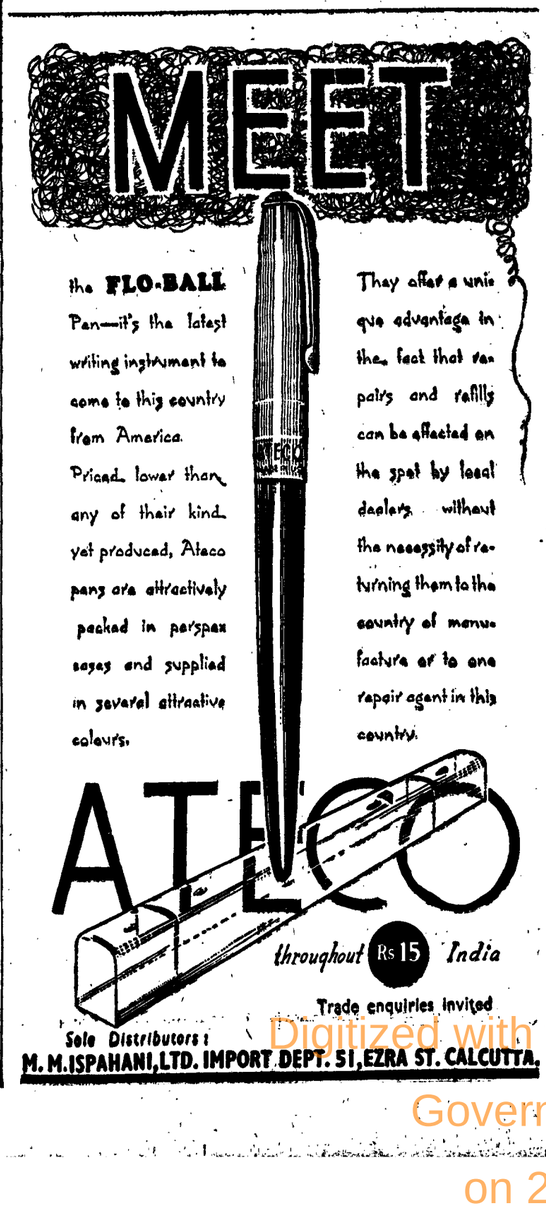
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Corporation Employees' Strike Threat

Municipal Commissioner's Statement On Interview With Union Representatives

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The following statement has been issued by the Municipal Commissioner, Bombay:—

The Bombay Municipal Subordinate Staff Union consisting of clerks, head clerks and other Municipal employees have by their letter, dated the 20th January 1947, given a notice that unless their demands made in their letter, of 2nd August, 1946, are conceded they propose to go on a half-day token strike and later to go on a complete strike from 3rd February, 1947. The token strike was originally proposed for Thursday, the 23rd January, but has been postponed to Monday, the 27th January.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee together with some members of the Committee and the Municipal Commissioner met Messrs. Nadkarni, Marathe and Mistry, representatives of the Union, at an informal meeting to-day afternoon and explained to them that the token strike is against the Municipal Disciplinary Rules, besides being illegal. No positive answer was forthcoming from the representatives of the Union whether this token strike would constitute a breach of discipline even though this fact was made clear to them in the circular issued by the Municipal Commissioner on the 21st January. Indeed in response to this circular the Managing Committee of the Union had asked its members not to endorse it, which in itself, it was pointed out to the representatives at the meeting, was an act of insubordination.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee, the members of the Committee and the Municipal Commissioner explained the financial position of the Corporation to the representatives, pointing out that the revised grades granted to the clerical staff are quite liberal and compare favourably with clerical grades obtaining in other organizations in the city of Bombay. The clerical grade of Rs. 55-4-115-5-140 which in the case of old entrants rises to Rs. 150 has been revised to Rs. 70-4-190 E.B.-8-200-10-220. The Head Clerk's grade has been revised from Rs. 140-5-180 to Rs. 200-10-260 and of the Chief Clerks from Rs. 180-10-240 to Rs. 260-15-320. In addition they get dearness allowance at 12 1/2 per cent of the salary or Rs. 25 whichever is higher.

Promotions to Head Clerks and higher posts is regulated by examination and any clerk passing this examination is appointed as Head Clerk when vacancies occur in that grade.

FOR DEGREE-HOLDERS.

In the grade of the clerks itself, graduates are allowed to start on Rs. 80 and Honours and double graduates on Rs. 90. In addition, the present incumbents in the clerical grades have been given advance increments while fixing their salary in the revised grades.

According to the Municipal Service Rules a matriculate and an undergraduate joins between the ages of 18 and 22 years and graduates at the age of 25 years with a concession of 3 years more in the case of Backward Class candidates. The limit at which a Municipal employee retires is 55 years. Therefore, the average period for which a clerk serves the Municipality is from 27 to 27 years. It was pointed out to the representatives that it was because of this, that the Standing Committee had to spread out increments over a period of at least 24 years if not more; and curtailing it to 18 years would only mean discontent to people who reach their maximum after 18 years and who would have nothing to look forward to promotion or increments during the remaining period of 7 to 10 years of their service.

PLEA AGAINST STRIKE

It is hoped that in view of the appeal made to the representatives of the Union and the promise given that when the report of the Pay Commission is out, any adjustments necessary will be made, a greater sense of responsibility will now guide the members of the Union and that they will not stage either a token or a complete strike which will inconvenience not only the Corporation but the public of Bombay.

Hammond's Grandest Performance

Completes 50,000 Runs And Scores 169th Century

(From Norman Preston, Reuter's Special Correspondent.)

ADELAIDE, Jan. 25, (Reuter): Adopting the process of wearing down the bowling and refusing to take the slightest risk, Walter Hammond and James Langridge today nearly repeated the all-day batting feat of Hutton and Washbrook in the previous match against South Australia. Only half an hour remained when both were dismissed by the right-arm spinner of emergency bowler Craig.

Hammond 188 and Langridge 100—his first in Australia—added 243 for the sixth wicket and carried the M. C. C. score to 562 for nine, which was their highest score of the tour beating 500 against South Australia last October.

It was a notable day in Hammond's wonderful career and he became the seventh cricketer to complete 50,000 runs in first class cricket. He wants only fourteen to equal Herbert Sutcliffe's 50,127. Hammond's innings, which was 167th century off his career, should inspire England as they approach next weeks.

Hammond did not make the slightest mistake. Langridge has been given few opportunities of proving himself. Indeed this was only his third first class innings of the tour.

South Australia's bowling was steady and varied, but apart from Dooland, was not as menacing as that England will face next week.

SCORE BOARD.

M. C. C. (1ST INNINGS 562 for 9)

Hammond, b Craig	188
Langridge, C. Dooland, b Craig	100
Evans, not out	11
Voce, c Vaughton, b Oswald	21
Pollard, stumped Vaughton, b Oswald	6
Extras	22
Total for 9 wickets at close of play,	562

BALOOCH BAGS 7 BARODA WICKETS

Ranji Trophy West Zone Finals

BARODA, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.): At close of play on the second day of the West Zone Finals in the Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournament, Bombay in their first innings had made 162 runs for the loss of Vijay Merchant, Rusi Modi and Kunder Rangnekar.

Baroda's first innings which ended after the total had advanced by seventh runs in 91 minutes play this morning was marked by a sudden collapse, the side losing four batsmen for the addition of only two runs. Balooch who was assisted by Raiji's alert fielding claimed seven wickets at a cost of 32 runs.

SCORE BOARD

BARODA (First Innings)

Yakub Sheikh b Phadkar	9
S. Pawar b Tarapore	21
Adhikari l.b.w. Balooch	60
Vijay Hasare & M. N. Raiji b Balooch	30
Nimbalkar c Uday Merchant b Balooch	5
Yuvaraj of Baroda c Phadkar b Balooch	26
Gulmahamad c Tarapore b Balooch	110
M. M. Naidu c Phadkar b Balooch	7
Amir Elahi c Raiji b Phadkar	13
Vivek Hazare (not out)	0
Ahmed Patel b Balooch	0
Extras	33
Total	347

BOMBAY (First Innings)

Merchant c Nikbalkar b Amir Elahi	33
K. C. Ibrahim (batting)	66
R. S. Modi c Nimbalkar b Amir Elahi	32
Rangnekar c Pawar b Vijay Hasare	33
Phadkar (batting)	9
Extras	8
Total (for 3 wkts) at close of play	163

Punjab Establish Lead On First Innings

PATIALA, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.): The Delhi and District Cricket Association were all out for 257 when the match against the Southern Punjab in the Ranji Trophy was resumed this morning.

His Highness and Amarnath did not field again to-day.

Southern Punjab had made 322 for nine wickets at close of play.

Plans For 1948 Olympic Games

LONDON, January 25. (Reuter): The first official indication of elaborate plans being made for staging the Olympic Games in London in 1948 were given in an official announcement by the Organising Committee this week, cables Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor. About 5,000 world's leading athletes from 25 nations—Germany and Japan have not been invited—are expected to compete from July 29 to August 14. The problem of housing these competitors cannot be satisfactorily overcome without Government help and an anticipated special olympic village will be built, the site of which has not yet been decided by the Government.

London last held the Olympic Games in 1908.

Waziri Delegation For Bihar

PESHAWAR, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): A delegation of eight Waziristan tribal Maliks led by Khan Yubkai Khan left for Bihar last evening to study the situation there. On their return they will submit their report to the tribal Jirga to be held in Wazaristan.

Senior League Hockey

LUSITANIANS WIN KEEN MATCH

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Lusitanians 'A'	3
B. B. and C. I. Railway 'A'	2

The Lusitanians prevailed over the first string of the B.B. & C.I. Railway by the odd goal in three. But not until the final whistle were they certain of a victory over a combination whose forwards all but brought victory to their side. The inner trio in particular, Arthur Fernandes, Yusuf and Woodcock combined so well that they were a constant menace to the opposing defence. Diago Fernandes and Walter D'Souza however were almost as good as the forwards and together with pivot Pereira and right-half Cama did the bulk of the defending.

The Lusitanians started early getting their first goal through L. D'Souza. But the Railway side retaliated with a neat goal scored by centre-forward Yusuf. Thereafter till almost withing the last twenty minutes of play the Lusitanians dominated play scoring two goals while the second through L. D'Souza again and the third through left-out L. Fernandes.

But the Railway was far from a beaten side. They pressed again and again until some ten minutes before the close left-in Arthur Fernandes picked up a ball some thirty yards from the goal, dribbled his way past all the defenders right in front of the custodian Pinto and even though then he was surrounded by two more defenders he got the ball well past Pinto in the goal to score the second goal for his side.

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Hightide 02-55, 15-11, Lowtide 09-11, 20-50.
Municipal Corporation: 2-30 p.m. (B.T.).

Today's Engagements

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Mahamahopadhyaya Giridhar Sharma, Principal, Sanskrit College, Alwar State, and founder of Sanatana College, Lahore, will deliver a lecture on Gita at the Bhavan at 4-30 p.m. today.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Dr. Jai Balsara, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala and others will speak on "The Problem of Beggars in the City" at 6 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday).

BOMBAY, PROVINCIAL WEAVERS' SOCIETIES FEDERATION: Conference of the provincial weavers will be held at playground Maligaon at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) Mr. M. Y. Nurie Ex-Minister Government of Bombay, will preside.

AZAD MAHILA SANGH: General meeting of the Sangh at Arya Samaj Hall, Matunga (oppo. Napoo Gardens) at 2 p.m. today for annual elections of the new working committee.

MAZDAZNAN ART EVENING: Today (Monday) at 6 P.M. at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road. Various speakers will speak on the topic of Art.

I.P.T.A.

Owing to an insistent public demand The People's Theatre will present a revival of the well-known Kaufman-Hart comedy "You Can't Take It With You" on Tuesday Jan. 28 at 6-30 p.m. at the Sunderbai Hall.

The cast includes May Dhondy, Freny Bhownagary, Cynthia Blyth, Russi Sethna, Derek Gulati, Jehangir Bhownagary, Feroze Mistry, Betty Blyth, Minoo Davar, Murad Fyzee, Ranjan Roy, Sushila Das, Zaka Rahimtulla, Amrita Sen, Adi Murzban and Ariadne Karanjia.

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4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 R.D. Joshi (Violin) 5-15 Ghazalen 5-30 Kantilal Patanwala 5-45 Topic of the Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-15 Abhang Ani Bhajan 6-30 B. D. Wadikar (Vocal) 7-0 Vasant 7-15 R. D. Joshi (violin) 7 30 A D Vartak 8.0 News (M) 8.15 News (G) 8.30 Book Reviwe (G) By Nathalal Dave 8.45 Vasantagaman (M) 9.0 News (E) 9.15 News (H) 9.30 E B C News 9.40 Programme Parade 9.45 Meet Our Gues 10.0 B. D. Wadikar (Behag) 10-30 Vokulibai Kakodkar (Vocal).

Plea For Abolition Of Control Of Sugar

BOMBAY, Jan. 26, (A.P.I.).

An appeal to the Government of India to abolish the control on the production and the import of sugar was made by Mr. Manekial Ujanshi, President of the Bombay Sugar Merchants Association in the course of his speech at the Annual Meeting of the Association here last evening.

Mr. Ujanshi said that controls on Sugar were welcomed by Sugar Merchants all these days because that was the only way to ensure supplies of the commodity to the poor and middle closes at reasonable rates. But the time had come, he said, when the controls were no longer necessary, for the production of sugar had not increased to any extent, nor were imports allowed. This had resulted in an acute shortage of sugar.

International Youth Commission For India

According to information received in the office of the All-India Students Federation, International Youth Commission of the World Federation of Democratic Youth hopes to fly from London on 3rd or 4th February reaching India on 6th or 7th February. The Commission will consist of representatives of youth movements of Denmark, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, France and Britain. The Commission is expected to land in Delhi.

BOMBAY, Saturday

After a keen contest Mr. Ramdas Kilachand, a well-known business magnate of the city and a leading partner of Messrs. Kilachand Devchand & Co. was elected by a large majority as the new Vice-President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber for the current year.

Mr. Ramdas got 875 votes. Mr. Ramanlal Saraiya and Mr. Madhavlal Bhat, the two other candidates for the Vice-Presidentship got 396 and 235 votes respectively. Mr. Ramdas was thus elected by a very large majority.

The results of the elections for the 23 seats on the Committee of the Chamber will be declared on Monday.

Death Of Major Aga Cassim Shah

Major Aga Cassim Shah, Indian Army (Retired) died in Poona at 7 pm. on Thursday. He was second son of the late Aga Nooruddin Shah, an elder brother of His Highness the Aga Khan.

Major Aga Cassim Shah was among the first batch of Cadets, who were selected for military training in the newly created Imperial Cadet Corps at Meerut and Dehra Dun in 1903, being one of the first four Indian cadets, who were granted the King's Commission in 1905.

He was appointed A.D.C. to Major-General C. Alderson, G.O.C. Poona District, on passing out from Meerut and was later posted to different Sections of the Headquarters Staff, Southern Command.

At the time of the Durbar visit of His late Majesty King George V to Delhi in 1910-11, he, as an old boy of the Imperial Cadet Corps, was specially selected for inclusion among the old boys and serving cadets of the IC.C. when the Corps had the honour of providing an escort for His Majesty during the Durbar ceremonials. It will be remembered that all the cadets of the IC.C. were sons or near relatives of ruling princes, chiefs and the nobility of India.

During the 1914-18 Great War, he saw service in East Africa Mesopotamia and North-East Persia, being mentioned in despatches twice.

He retired from the Indian Army in 1926 owing to ill-health, having served in various units of the Indian cavalry, viz. the 3rd Skinner's Horse, 27th Light Cavalry, 42nd Cavalry and battery, as a result of the reorganisation of the Indian Army in 1924, when many cavalry officers were transferred to the Infantry, he was posted to the 2/9th Bhopal Infantry, from which he actually retired.

Major Aga Cassim Shah was a well-known amateur rider, polo player and Shikari in his earlier days and was most popular among all communities.

Owing to continued ill-health he led a retired life for some years. He leaves behind two sons and a daughter who is the wife of Lt. Col. Jelal M. Shah.

The funeral took place in Poona on Friday morning, and was very largely attended, the remains being interned in the Aga Khan's family cemetery at "Momin-Abad."

JAI HIND PUBLISHERS, LTD.

Elsewhere in this issue will be formed the announcement of the establishment of a new public company, "Jai Hind Publishers, Ltd." Dewan Bahadur H. L. Kaji, who is a well-known educationist, economist, co-operator and businessman of Bombay, is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company. Among the other Directors are Lady Thackersey of the Indian Women's University, Mr. Shantilal Mangaldas, President of the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association, Mr. Amritlal Hargovindas who has been tireless in the cause of the Gujarat University, Mr. Shankalchand G. Shah, leading yarn merchant and the Vice-President of the All India Manufacturers' Organization, and Mr. R. T. Popawala, President of the Surat Chamber of Commerce. The Company also proposes to publish a Gujerati daily—"Jai Hind"—at an early date and to take up the publication of text-books and literature in Gujarati and Hindi intended to be useful to the—Universities for the change over from English to an Indian language as the medium of instruction. The editorial board is headed by Mr. J. K. Mehta, the well-known ex-Secretary of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay.

MODEL-BUILDERS & HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Imagination, skill and craftmanship were evident at the fourth annual Model-builders and Handicrafts Exhibition which was opened in the hall of the St. Zavier's High School, this morning. The exhibition which is organised by the Bombay Society of Model Engineers will remain open to the public till February 8 between 5 p. m. and 8 p m. on week days, and from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

There were over 300 exhibits on view of which more than 200 belong to the Society and the rest are loaned by commercial, industrial and engineering firms of the city. The exhibits are divided into seven sections, namely, fretwork, aeronautics, ships and yachts, carpentry, mechanical tools, engineering models and general handicrafts. The section of the general handicrafts was quite interesting and such exhibits as a hackeneyed victoria, a fire engine, a post pillar, Eiffel Tower, a village cart and a table lamp were spoken of by many as masterpieces of craftmanship.

The Society of Model Engineers has as its primary object the promotion of confidence and initiative in mechanically-minded students by giving help to them in their leisure hours so that their talents may be developed along productive lines. A glance at the exhibits would convince any one that this purpose is well served by the present exhibition.

Indian National Exhibition

The Indian National Exhibition which has opened at Chetana (34, Rampart Row, Fort) has been attracting large crowds of people. On Saturday and Sunday among the visitors were seen also a large number of distinguished persons. Foreign residents of Bombay have also been evincing a keen interest in the Exhibition. The Exhibition is open up to the 3rd February, 1947, from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 3-30 to 7-30 in the evening. Admission is by tickets.

TO STUDY JOURNALISM IN U.S.A.: Mr. Nadig Krishnamoorty, journalist and student leader from Mysore, sailed from Bombay for the United States of America on Sunday to prosecute studies in Journalism in the Syracuse University, New York. He has been authorised by the Karnatak Provincial Students' Congress to represent the student world of Karnatak at international students' conferences. On the eve of his departure for America, Syt R. R. Diwakar, the well-known leader of Karnatak, and Syt Nijlingappa, President of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee, sent him messages wishing him success in his undertaking.

Mr. Ramdas Kilachand Thanks His Voters

Mr. Ramdas Kilachand sincerely thanks all the members of the Indian Merchants' Chamber who voted for and helped him at the election for the office of Vice-President of the Chamber for the year 1947.

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POONA, Jan. 26.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I serve my country best when I
Respect the creeds that are not mine.
He little loves his land who'd cast
Upon his neighbour's word a doubt
Or cite the wrongs of ages past
From present rights to bar him out.

—Denis A. McCarthy.

The Bombay Chronicle

PUNJAB SITUATION

Acharya Kripalani's warning to Congressmen, Congress organizations and students against violations of prohibitive orders because such violations do no service to the cause or causes they hold dear but merely play into the hands of mischievous anti-social elements, is a very timely one. As he said: "The Congress has never encouraged sporadic action. Friends may rest assured that whenever a legitimate occasion for starting Satyagraha arises, as in the past so now, the Congress will give the word of command." The views expressed by the Congress President apply with equal force to defiance of law or executive action by other political organizations, especially at a time when in every province a duly accredited popular Government is responsible for maintaining law and order. Because these views give expression to elementary principles of good and stable Government and the duties of citizens we cannot but condemn the action of the Punjab Muslim League leaders in resisting the order for search in the headquarters of the Muslim League National Guards. In view of the defiant attitude of the League leaders the Punjab authorities had no other alternative left than ordering the arrests of the leaders for the search to be carried out. The rash and unwise lead given by the leaders has led to a province-wide defiance of law and has not only created a grave political situation in the Punjab but has also caused unfortunate repercussions in other provinces.

For this unhappy and deplorable situation, however, the Punjab Government is not altogether blameless. The strongest possible action should be taken to put down communal disturbances. But the Punjab, fortunately, has, on the whole, been free from such disturbances and the Government of the Punjab has given no other convincing reason for declaring the Muslim League National Guards an unlawful organization under the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, than that, "in the present state of feeling, private communal armies are a danger to peace". Now private armies or volunteer organizations affiliated to political organizations are not peculiar to the Punjab. If they are to be disbanded, this must be done after due consultation with, and due warning to, these political organizations. Mr. Jinnah has reason to complain: "No complaint was made, or warning given, by the Punjab Government to the Executive of the National Guards, the Provincial Muslim League or the All-India Muslim League nor has the Muslim National Guards organization been shown to have done anything or attempting to do anything that was unlawful." The Punjab Government's resort to the Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act, which had been universally condemned as a lawless law, cannot be defended.

In the Punjab, though a Coalition Government, with the Congress Party as the dominant partner, is in office, the bureaucracy and the Police seem still to be dominant and it is not unlikely that they have succeeded in stampeding the Coalition Government into sanctioning a false step which will as much embarrass the Congress as it is likely to provoke the League. The Government of the Punjab must not allow itself to play into their hands and must immediately retrace the step. It may rest assured that such a retracal will only enhance its prestige and it will have the support of sensible elements throughout the country in all drastic measures, short of resorting to a lawless law, which it takes under the ordinary criminal law to deal with all incitements to breaches of communal harmony. It is some relief to learn that the Punjab Government has decided to withdraw cases against eight Muslim League M.L.A.'s including the Khan of Mamdot and Mr. Feroz Khan Noon. Responsible League leaders on their part should see to it that a situation already grave is not rendered irremediable because no Government, as the Punjab Communique says, "can permit deliberate defiance of the ordinary law or of emergency orders which were issued solely to maintain communal peace".

Two Committees

The Constituent Assembly appointed two important Committees before adjourning till April next. The first was the Advisory Committee in pursuance of paragraph 20 of the Cabinet Mission's Statement. That Statement provides that an Advisory Committee "on the rights of citizens, minorities and tribal and excluded areas" should be set up at the preliminary meeting of the Assembly. And paragraph 20 provides that this meeting "should contain full representation of the interests affected and their function will be to report to the Union Constituent Assembly upon the list of fundamental rights, the clauses for the protection of minorities and a scheme for the administration of the tribal and excluded areas and to advise whether these rights should be incorporated in the provincial group or Union constitution". As the Committee is, according to the Statement, to be set up at the preliminary meeting of the Assembly, its appointment last week cannot be said to be premature. The strength and personnel of the Committee show that it is thoroughly representative. At present 50 members have been selected but the President is authorised to nominate up to 22 members, 7 of whom shall be Muslims representing the provinces where the Muslims are in a minority. Though the appointment is by nomination, it is understood that the President will be guided by the wishes of the Muslim League when it joins the Assembly. It is also understood that the Committee will not commence work till the third week of February, when the League's attitude is expected to be clear. The unanimous acceptance of the resolution on the Committee shows the full confidence of the House in the Committee's personnel. It confirms the statement of Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant that the personnel was fixed in accordance with the wishes of every one of the minorities in the House, "subordinating every other consideration to their contentment and satisfaction". We have not the slightest doubt that the Committee and finally the Assembly will be exemplarily generous towards all minorities.

Another important Committee appointed by the Assembly is to define the scope of the Union subjects. The Cabinet Mission's Statement provides that the Union should deal with Foreign Affairs, Defence and Communications and "should have the powers necessary to raise the finances required for the above subjects." The House cannot add to the subjects except by agreement between the two major communities. But a number of details have to be settled in defining the scope of these subjects. As pointed out by Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, the Muslim League has no reason to feel that anything is being taken out of its hands or otherwise to misunderstand the scope or purpose of the Committee. After all, it is open to the League to enter the Assembly before the recommendations of the Committee are completed or come up for final consideration before the Assembly. Till then the necessary preparatory work can be done by the Committee. Indeed, all wish that the League should join the Assembly very soon. Even the All-India Christian passed last week a resolution appealing to the Muslim League to enter the Constituent Assembly at an early date and "help to secure through better understanding and co-operation between the major parties the freedom of India." The League will do well to realise betimes that, after all that Congress has conceded to it, it can gain for more through negotiations in the Assembly than by any other means. We still share with Dr. John Mathai, President of the Christian Conference, his hope that, "in spite of the apparent misunderstanding and bitterness which prevail in the country, deep down there are forces at work which will enable the country to emerge from the present ordeal with unimpaired resources and with ability to fulfil the great destiny which lies ahead of her."

Frankly Speaking

A Beautiful Tribute

Gandhiji paid a beautiful tribute to Subhas Chandra Bose when speaking on the latter's birthday, he said that a lesser man would have succumbed under the trials that Netaji went through, but he in his life verified the saying of Tulsidas that "all becomes right for the brave". Nor was that all. In the light of present unhappy happenings in India the greatest contribution made by Subhas Chandra Bose was that he succeeded in a most remarkable manner in abolishing all distinctions of caste and communities. As Gandhiji truly said: "He was not a mere Hindu. He was an Indian first and last. What was more, he fired all under him with the same zeal so that they forgot in his presence all distinctions and acted as one" His is a flaming example not only to the masses of Hindus and Muslims but also to most of their leaders. His remarkable achievement in welding together Hindus and Muslims Sikhs, Christians and Parsis so that they forgot their differences but only remembered the things that united them shows that the masses of Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and Parsis are capable of acting, nay, will-ing to act, as one united nation provided their leaders shed their own communal prejudices and leanings.

Sir Akbar Hydari

The appointment of Sir Akbar Hydari as Governor of Assam in succession to Sir Andrew Clow will be widely welcomed. In fact, Sir Akbar Hydari should have been appointed Governor of any of the various provinces for which British civilians were selected about a year ago. With the Interim Government in office it was, of course, unthinkable that a non-Indian should have been selected for the Governorship of a province. Under the new constitution of a free India it will not be unlikely that Governors will be elected to their posts if these posts are not abolished. In the meanwhile Governorship of Assam, whose future will be a matter of great controversy, will be one of the most difficult ones. Sir Akbar Hydari has proved himself to be an administrator of remarkable tact and great ability and we have no doubt he will face his difficult task with courage and success.

Bad Old Way

The Government of Madras has promulgated a Public Safety Ordinance with very drastic provisions. It proposes to place this Ordinance before the next session of the Legislature for its approval unless, in its opinion, the state of emergency which, according to it, necessitated the issue of the Ordinance, will have ceased to exist by the middle of March. Following the promulgation of the Ordinance, over 60 Communist leaders have been arrested all over the province and placed under detention. It is true that the Communists have been creating trouble and, in some cases, inciting people to violence. But whatever their misdeeds, they should have been dealt with under the ordinary law. It was the bad old way of the bureaucracy to arrest persons without charges and detain them without trial. Congress ministers should not, on the slightest provocation, resort to such old bad ways. The liberty of person and the right of every citizen to be tried by a court of law should be regarded as too sacred to be tampered with lightly by mere executive action. Only the greatest menace to the safety of the State can justify the suspension of this right and that, too, only after full consultation with, and approval of the legislature. The Government of Madras must convince the public and the legislature that such a state of emergency has arisen.

MAHATMA ON DUTY OF NEWSPAPERS

MURIAM, (Noakhali), Jan. 25, (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi's prayer meeting at Muriam was the largest of all such gatherings during his walking tour It was attended by about 10,000 people Men, women and children had come from distant villages. About 2,000 men and women had come from Hasnabad in Tipperah District.

The District Magistrate of Noakhali, Mr. McInery was present at the meeting, having walked for two hours to come there and having the prospect of walking for another two hour. Earlier Mr. McInery had talks with Mahatma Gandhi.

Mahatma Gandhi and party were housed in the house of Mr. Habibullah Saheb Patari.

Mahatma Gandhi began by saying that he felt much pleasure in being housed in a Muslim House. He and his party had received every attention. Muslim friends had gone so far as to find a maidan large enough to hold the largest number of visitors possible. The meeting too was largest of all during his pilgrimage. He attributed the increasing largeness of the meetings to the fast of Miss Amtus Salaam which had a happy ending because of sincere labours of Mr. Abdullah Saheb (Superintendent of Police, Noakhali) and his assistants and the leading Muslims of the villages concerned. Whether his interference was justified or not Mahatma Gandhi flattered himself with the belief he had expressed.

He was sorry that there was poison administered to the public by some newspapers. Newspapers today had almost replaced the Bible, the Quran, the Gita and other religious scriptures. It was wrong but the fact had to be faced. Such being the case, he held it to be the duty of newspapermen to give nothing but facts to their readers.

TRANSFER IMPRACTICABLE

He was of the opinion that the movement of minorities to majority Provinces was an impracticable proposition. He knew of the time when the late two imam brothers and the late Mazharul Haq Saheb led both communities in Bihar and the leading Hindus such as the late Braj Kishore Prasad and Dr. Rajendra Prasad gladly worked under them. The Muslims of that Bihar must not leave Bihar.

It was true that some Bihar Hindus had acted inhumanly but that aberration ought not to deflect Muslims from their clear duty bravely to stick to their homes which were theirs by right and Bihari Hindus had to make all possible amends for those Hindus who had become insane. Similarly he had to say to Noakhali Hindus and Muslims. It was, therefore, good omen that there were Muslims in the villages to harbour him. It was their duty to make even a solitary Hindu absolutely safe in their midst the Hindus should have faith enough to stay in Noakhali.

Squatters To Do It In King's Presence

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 25. (Reuter): Two-thousand African squatters, who demanded land on which to build their own homes, marched through central Johannesburg today to hold a meeting on the steps of the city hall.

One speaker said: "We will assemble again when the King and Queen come, but not to welcome them, we will squat here to show our protest". Other speakers said that they had squatted because they could do nothing else.

A report from Capetown said that after an urgent call from Johannesburg for assistance in coping with the South African squatters, the Government instructed the Commissioner for Native Affairs to hold immediate discussions with Johannesburg officials.

Communist Arrested

CUDDAPPH, Jan. 25, (A.P.I.): The secretary of the Cuddappah District Communist Party Mr. P. Narasimha Reddi was arrested under the new Public Safety Ordinance at Nanatajupet in Rajampet Taluk yesterday.

The party's office at Cuddappah was also searched by the police.

League Has No Excuse Now To Stay Out

Azad On Latest Congress Attitude On Sections And Grouping

NEW DELHI, January 26. (A.P.I.): Requested to clarify further the Congress position on Grouping, in view of doubts entertained in certain circles, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad said to an A. P. I. correspondent that such doubts were unfounded and unfortunate.

"The Cabinet Mission's statement of May 16", he went on, "laid down that after the preliminary meeting of the Constituent Assembly, it would divide into three Sections. These Sections would decide whether there would be Grouping or not. Even if it was decided to form a group and a constitution framed for it, Provinces would have the right to put out of the Group after the first elections held under the new constitution.

CONGRESS DECISION

"Question then arose as to how the Section would arrive at a decision on the point. The Congress held that the representatives of a Province within the Section could act as a unit and decide whether the Province should enter into the Group or not.

"The League and the Cabinet Mission on the other hand held that decision within the Section would be by a simple majority of votes and the Provinces would exercise the right of opting out only after the first elections. This made Assam nervous as Bengal has a majority in Section (C). Assam fears that Bengal might so frame the constitution of Assam as to make her right of opting out at a later stage a dead letter. Both the Secretary of State for India and Sir Stafford Cripps in their statements to Parliament made it definitely, clear that this right of Provinces to opt out must not be tampered with and any attempt to frame Provincial Constitution which prejudiced such right of the Province would be against the letter and spirit of the State Paper of May 16.

"The Congress had, in its resolution of January 6 accepted the British Government's interpreasion of the State Paper expounded in the statement of December 6 and thus agreed that decision in the Section will be by a simple majority.

"The manner in which the work in the Section is carried out has, therefore, now become the most crucial issue. The proceedings in the Sections can be carried out in one of two alternative ways. It is possible that Bengal, which has a majority in the Section, may use its majority in order to frame the constitution for Assam in a manner which would, in fact, though not in theory, destroy the right of the majority in the Province to opt out at a later stage. The other method of working in the Section would be to refrain from any such interference with the constitution of Assam In that case, Assam would be able to exercise its right of opting out at the appropriate time, if a Group constitution was framed by the majority and if Assam so desired. Every thing now depends on how the representatives of Bengal act in the Section. If the first of the methods mentioned above is to be followed, Assam's apprehensions would be fully justified and nobody can blame them if her representatives walk out of the Section. If however, Bengal's representatives adopt the second method, no problem will arise.

IN SECTION "B"

"The question does not arise in Section B in the same form or with the same intensity. If, however, the Punjab uses its majority to frame a Group constitution against the wishes of the other Provinces, the N. W. F. P. and Sind will be able to exercise their right of opting out, if they so desire, at the appropriate time.

"The above analysis makes it perfectly clear that Congress has accepted in full the British Government's statement of December 6 and the League can now have no excuse for remaining away from the Constituent Assembly.

"My own opinion on the question of Grouping is well known. I have always held and made it perfectly clear to the Cabinet Mission that the idea of Grouping is artificial, and the Groups will have no real functions to perform. Subjects which can and demand to be dealt with jointly have already been referred to the Union, while subjects which remain in the Provinces are of a nature that cannot be jointly administered. Every Province has its own problems of education, health and rural development and conditions differ so much from Province to Province that no Province is willing to give up its right to decide these questions itself. Communal passions may now blind people to the fact but when the Sections will start their work, the smaller Provinces are bound to insist on the maintenance of their Provincial integrity. This, however, is my personal opinion. The Congress has now decided that it is for the Sections to decide this question and if the Sections so desire, there is no hindrance to framing of a Group Constitution, subject to the Provinces' right of opting out.

"I earnestly hope that the League Working Committee will, in their sitting on January 29, consider the present situation in the country calmly and dispassionately and come to the decision that the resolution of the League Council for withdrawing from the Constituent Assembly be rescinded."

AMBEDKAR'S PLAN FOR HARIJAN-CASTE HINDU 'ENTENTE'

"Qualified Separate Electorates" System To Be Put Forward Before Consembly Minority Advisory Committee

POONA, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): A "compromise plan between separate electorates and joint electosates" is likely to be put forward before the minority Advisory Committee of the Constituent Assembly on behalf of the Scheduled Castes by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar as a solution for the issue of electorates for Scheduled Castes "which has embittered the relations between the Hindus and Scheduled Castes in the political field". Described as "qualified separate electorates" system the proposal forms a part of the memorandum prepared by Dr. Ambedkar and discussed at the recent meeting of the Working Committee of the Scheduled Caste Federation in Bombay.

The main features of this proposal embody that the Scheduled Castes will have a separate electorate only in those constituencies in which a seat is reserved for them: Only those voters of the Schduled Castes who are residing in that constituency will form a separate electorate to elevate the representatives of that commodity. The voters of the Scheduled Castes residing in other constituencies in which seats are not reserved for it will form part of the general electorate.

NO INNOVATION.

Dr. Ambedkar is stated to have pointed out in his memorandum that the system was not an innovation but has been in operation in the elections to the Municipality of Madras and is applied to the Indian Christians in some parts of India under the Government of India Act of 1935.

To illustrate the working of the system, the memorandum takes the case of the 151 seats which are reserved for Scheduled Casts in nine different provinces of India and 416 other general territorial constituences in which seats are not reserved for Scheduled Castes. Under the proposed plan, Dr. Ambedkar says the Scheduled Castes in 151 constituencies will become included in separate electorates and those in 416 constituencies will be thrown into General Electorate "showing the extensive operation of the system of joint electorates as compared with the field of operation of separate electorates under the compromise plan."

THREE PURPOSES.

Seeking forth the case for his plan, Dr. Ambedkar argues that any electoral system for a minority must serve three purposes. It must enable the minority to send its true representatives to the legislatures. Secondly the minority must not be politically completely isolated from the majority and thirdly it must enable the minority to influence the election of the members of the majority community to the legislature. Isolation, says Dr. Ambedkar, was the worst thing that would happen to a minority, no matter how large a representation was given to the minority, it was bound to remain a minority. It was very important for a minority that it should have, among the members of the majority community, as many as it could have in the legislature who would be under the obligation to stand up and support the cause of the minority.

The system of unqualified joint electorates served the second purpose but it enabled the majority to influence the election of the representatives of the minority community and those disabled them from defending the interests of the minority against the 'tyranny of the majority'. The system of unqualified separate electorates served the first purpose best but it defeated the second and the third purpose. But the system he proposed served all the three purposes.

ONE OBJECTION.

One objection to Unqualified Separate electorates Dr. Ambedkar states in his memorandum, was the existence of British imperialism, which, it was alleged, influenced the communities which had separate electorates to act against the interests of the country. With the end of British Imperialism it would be open to the Scheduled Castes to demand unqualified separate electorates. The Scheduled Castes were however, prepared to accept the compromise scheme as just adequate for the purpose. But at the same time, Dr. Ambedkar adds, that this was the utmost limit of compromise they could go to.

LATHI CHARGE ON GLASS FACTORY STRIKERS

CUTTACK, Jan. 26 (U.P.I.): The two-month old strike in the Barang glass factory, about eight miles from here, took a serious turn yesterday when the police resorted to a lathi charge of the demonstrators in front of the factory. The demonstrators were offering Satyagraha in violation of the order under Section 144 Cr. P. C.

It is reported that nearly 25 persons were injured as a result of the lathi-charge, three seriously. Nine arrests were made yesterday making the total number of arrests uptodate since the commencement of the strike.

MAKING NEWSPRINT IN INDIA

Wood From Andamans May Help It

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.): Immediate starting of newsprint manufacture in India will be feasible if investigations on a kind of wood available from the Andamans, prove successful, said Dr. J. N. Ray, Development Officer, Directorate-General of Industries and Supplies, Government of India, presiding over a meeting of the Advisory Committee on paper and newsprint industry on Saturday.

Dr. Ray added that in addition to supplying the match industry for which this wood, known as Sercula Campaonaluta, is at present being used about 40,000 to 50,000 tons per year is expected to be available at Rs. 10 to 12 per ton which would enable manufacture of newsprint at an economic cost either in the Andaman islands or near the port of Madras or Calcutta where the wood can be brought by sea.

The meeting discussed the possibility of mixing pulp from paper mulberry with coniferous wood in order to produce newsprint of satisfactory quality. India's annual requirements of newsprint alone is estimated at 100,000 tons where as not more than 25,000 tons are available from abroad. A mixture of conifers with paper mulberry would help to bring down the cost of manufacture which is at present prohibitive owing to the occurence of conifers at an altitude of 6,000 to 9,000 feet in the Himalayas and the heavy charges of transportation and power. It was decided to request the Inspector-General of Forests, the Punjab, for a report on the possibility of growing paper mulberry in that Province.

While examining the question of producing cheap printing paper it was recognised that bagasse was suitable as raw material but its present price was not economical. Similarly the use of waste paper in such manufacture was also considered to be prohibitive. It was, therefore, agreed that the industry would experiment with alternative raw materials like grass and ground wood and report at the next meeting.

The meeting discussed 'inter alia' the availability of steel, building material and coal, the prospects of importing capital equipment, the manufacture of machinery and spare parts the organised procurement of waste paper and the manufacture of special papers. It was agreed that the industry would collect blue-prints from manufactures of paper machinery and that the Director-General, Ordnance Factories, should be requested to send one of his specialists to a paper mill in order to find out what spares and machine parts required for the industry could be manufactured at Government Ordnance factories.

Representatives of the paper industry from Bengal, Hyderabad Punjab and U. P. attended the meeting.

Palme Dutt Demands New Deal To India

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter): Mr. R. Palme Dutt, member of the Executive of the Communist Party of Great Britain, said here tonight that the British Cabinet Mission's plan had not solved the Indian probem. "Even communal conflicts, which have been let loose, are not succeeding in arresting the forward march of the people", he said.

Placing the blame for the raids on Communist Party premises and the subsequent arrest on the British authorities, Mr. Dutt added: "The Indian Ministers have officially stated that the police raids have been carried out without their sanction. In any case the Indian Ministers under the existing conditions are only an important screen for British power".

Calling for a new declaration of policy on India by the British Government, Mr. Palme Dutt said that this policy should announce:

"Full recognition of Indian Independence, recognition of sovereignty of the Constituent Assembly and withdrawal of all British military and police forces from India".

PIRATIN'S CHARGE

Mr. Philip Piratin, Communist Member of Parliament, claimed at the same Communist Party, meeting that the British Cabinet Mission to India had two aims, "firstly, to maintain the division of Indian peoples and, secondly, to make sure that the British still remain India".

Mr. Piratain added that British policy in India was imperialistic and strategic saying "the Government attempts to rob India of its wealth and keep bases in the country".

Govt. Press Note On Postal Employees' Grievances

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (API): Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Dewan Chamanlal, President, Federation of the Posts and Telegraphs Unions, which appears to be based on a misconception that the benefits arising out of the award of the Adjudicator are to cease, says a Press Note.

Government wish to make it quite clear that the interim concessions comprising of the benefits under the award of the Adjudicator and the additional reliefs subsequently sanctioned by the Government have been extended beyond the 31st of December, 1946 This is subject to any readjustment that will be found necessary as the benefits based on the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission and Government's decision thereon to take retrospective effect from the 1st of January, 1947.

Ex-Assistant Secretary Of State Joins M. P. A.

WASHINGTON Jan. 25. (U.P.A.): Frank McCarthy, former Assistant Secretary of State, has been appointed Paris manager for the Motion Picture Association, President Eric Johnston announced today.

TETE A TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"As regards extension of the Anglo-Soviet Treaty to which official reference is made in the British Government's statement, I must say that if one is to speak seriously of such an extension, than before extending this treaty, it is necessary to change it, freeing it from the reservations which weaken this treaty. Only after such a procedure, would it be possible to talk seriously of extension of the treaty."

—Stalin to Bevin.

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The American newspaper "P.M." in a dispatch from London reported a British Cabinet split over the future policy for Palestine.

—News Item.

To split, or not to split,—that is the question
Whether 'tis better in the Holy Land to suffer
The bullets and bombs of outraged Irgun
Or to take arms against a sea of Arabs
And by opposing end the Mandate?
To split—to trick
The U.N.O.; and by a trick to say we and
The heartache of the Arabs and the agonies of the Jews
While preserving oil and bases for the British
'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished!

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A hot dispute, is said to be raging between the Republican and Democratic Law-makers of America—not as to who have better brains but who present better looks.

We don't see anything to choose between the donkey and the elephant!

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"The man who at the present hour speculates on the fall of the franc is a public enemy", said Premier Ramadier in a radio address.

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Franc = France! He is quite frank about it.

Splendid Innings by Hutton
—Headline.

Hit on! Hit on!!

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Burma's Next Step Towards Independence.
—Headline.

Interim Government and Constituent Assembly on the Indian model! Both are guaranteed to keep the Burmese quarelling between themselves for a good few years: You are warned, Uncle Aung San!

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Dr. John Mackenzie observed in a speech at Edinburgh: "The people who try to tell us that we should right about turn and again take control of India do not know what they are talking about."

Begad, Sir, At any rate they do know what they are losing—the Brightest Jewel in the British Crown!

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"I'll bet anyone five pounds he can't drink five pints of beer in two minutes," announced an exuberant customer, leaning on the bar counter.

Everybody laughed, except a small man in a bowler who hurriedly left the pub. After five minutes he returned, and took his place beside the man who had laid the bet.

"Is that offer still on?" he asked.

"Certainly", was the answer.

"Thank you," said the little man—and drank off five pints with two seconds of the two minutes to spare.

"I wasn't sure that I could do it," he said when the applause died down "so I went over to the Red Lion and timed myself."

SETH ABDULLAH TO TOUR KOLABA DISTRICT

Advocate Of Hindu-Muslim Unity

Seth Abdullah Rahimtoolah Fakir, who has devoted himself to the promotion of Hindu-Muslim Unity, proposes to tour the Kolaba District with the object in view. Seth Abdullah has been a Congress worker for over thirty years. In 1930 he was in charge of the Satyagraha camp at Vile Parle after the arrest of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj and Mr. Kher and subsequently went to prison. He took part in all the Satyagraha campaigns and was imprisoned. Recently he did excellent work in Ratnagiri in promoting communal harmony.

He has made a trust of all his property worth Rs. 7,000 and dedicated it to the cause of Hindu-Muslim unity. For some weeks he has been in Bombay and been helping Hindu and Muslim residents and traders of Lohar Chawl to organize joint efforts to preserve peace in the locality. He proposes to tour the Kolaba District and secure the help of Congress League and Hindu Mahasabha workers to organize similar efforts in the towns and villages of that district.

BIHAR MUSLIMS' MIGRATION GOES ON

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 26 (U.P.I.): Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, the Frontier Congress leader, passed through Allahabad yesterday afternoon 'en route' to Delhi by the Delhi Express train.

In an interview the Frontier leader said to the United Press of India that so far he toured only a few villages in Bihar and that he would be going back to that province after a few days after consultations with other leaders in Delhi.

He added that migration of Muslims was still going on and there was the urgent need to recreate confidence among the terror-stricken people there.

Referring to arrangements in relief centres he remarked that they were satisfactory but that there was a great need for woollen clothing and the public could help a great deal in the matter.

The Frontier leader was sitting quietly in a crowded inter-class compartment when he was interviewed.

Dewan Retains Veto In Travancore State

No Responsible Ministry Envisaged In New Reform Scheme

MADRAS, January 27. (A.P.I.) Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dewan of Travancore, outlining the proposals for and implications of the new draft constitution for Travancore at a Press Conference here said that the Maharaja had decided to vest the Travancore Legislature with complete control over all but a few of the items of administrative and executive policy.

The Dewan said: "The Lower House of the contemplated Legislature will be elected on the basis of adult suffrage, every man and woman in the state above the age of 21 being entitled to be a voter for election to the Lower House. There will be one member elected for every 15,000 to 80,000 persons, and it is expected that the number of members in the Lower House will be 155.

NEW LEGISLATURES

The Dewan said: "Under the new proposals, there will be no nominated members in the Lower House and officials, who may take part in the discussions or explain their policy in the Lower House, will have no right to vote."

The Dewan added: "The Upper House is to be constituted on the basis of representation of various professions and avocations which would ordinarily, have not much chance of being returned on the adult suffrage. But in other words, the Lower House represents the masses of the people and the Upper House the various professional and occupational interests in the State, high and low.

IMPORTANCE OF COMMITTEES

"From out of these two legislative bodies, it is intended that six Committees will be appointed who will be in charge of all the items of administration in the State. Each of these Committees will have a chairman and he will act as the mouthpiece and spearpoint of the Committees."

Dealing with the functions of the Committes, Sir Ramaswami Aiyar said: "All the powers and functions of the Government, with very small exceptions, will be vested in these committees, which will be elected from the Legislature and will represent the Legislature. it is intended that the decisions of the Legislature and the Committees acting as the mouthpiece of the Legislature will be carried out by the Executive branch of the Government. The committees will be removable on a vote of no-confidence carried by two-thirds of the members of the Chamber that elected the Committee. The functions of the Legislature and the Committees extend to all excepting the following subjects, namely, the management of the family of H. H. the Maharajah, the State Army, Hindu Religious Endowments, Treaties and Political Relations."

WHY NO RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY

Explaining why the new constitution does not envisage the formation of a responsible Ministry in the State Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar said: "Attention will no doubt be focussed on two points in the scheme, namely, the absence of Responsible Ministry and the powers vested in the Dewan. The Travancore Government have deliberately come to the conclusion that they feel that a Removable Executive is not the best agency for the purpose of carrying out the wishes of people especially at the present juncture, when large measures of reconstruction in agricultural and industrial fields are under way. For this reason a Ministry, in the ordinary term, has not been introduced.

But the committees, though their chairman, fulfil in effect and essence, all the requisites of a responsible Ministry.

The policy will be carried out by an Executive, whose policy will be guided in turn by the Committees, and whose routine administration will be settled by rules to be framed for the purpose."

ROLE OF DEWAN

Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar referred to the status of the Dewan in the new constitutional set-up and said: "Where and where only H. H. the Maharaja is advised by the Dewan, who is retained as his agent or representative under the new scheme that the Legislature is either in an official or administrative matter has gone wrong, a power of veto is reserved in the Dewan. Deliberately H. H. the Maharajah is not brought into the picture. If the Dewan is not able to go on with the legislature, he is liable to be removed. To vest the power in the hands of H. H. the Maharaja will be to bring His Highness into the arena of controversy. The Dewan is appointed by and is removable by the Maharajah and naturally it would be the wish of the Administration to bring about and maintain harmony. If any Dewan is unable to maintain harmony he will not be worthy of his place."

USE OF VETO

Concluding the Dewan referred to the Residual Power vested in the Sovereign and said that after such a Legislature came into existence, in the nature of things, such Residual Powers would hardly be ever exercised.

DETAILS OF CONSTITUTION

TRIVANDRUM, Jan. 27 (A.P.I.): The objectives and main details of the proposed constitution for Travancore have been outlined in a Communique issued today.

The proposals embody the constitution of the Legislature, the Executive the powers of the Dewan, the Judiciary and the Residuary Powers of the Sovereign.

The Legislature will consist of two Houses—the Srichitra State Council and the Sri Mulam Assembly, each House making its own Rules and Standing Orders and electing its own President and Deputy President.

BASIS OF ELECTION

The Council will consist of not less than 55 members who will be elected "on a functional and facultative basis by and from amongst the members of various institutions, occupations and professions."

The Assembly will be composed of members "who represent the contituencies determined under the statute. The number of members shall be fixed from time to time, but the total number shall not be fixed at less than one member for each 15,000 of the population or at more than one member for each 25,000 of the poplation". The members will be elected on the basis of universal adult suffrage for men and women, without any weightage in favour of any class or community.

Among the qualifications required for elections to the Legislature are that a member should be a subject of the State as defined in the Travancore Naturalisation Act 1120 and must be residing in the State for not less than seven years before the date of election, the age limit in the case of the Council being 30 years and in that of the Assembly 25.

LIFE OF LEGISLATURES

The duration of the Legislature will be four years, "provided, however, the Dewan may, for reasons to be stated in writing, dissolve either Chamber earlier or may extend its life, for a maximum period of one year, beyond its normal term." The Dewan will have the right of addressing either or both the Chambers of the Legislature and of sending messages with respect to any bill pending or any other matter under the consideration of the Legislature."

INITIATION OF BILLS

A Bill may originate in either Chamber and for consideration of Bills there will be constituted a Standing Committee of 11 members in the case of the Assembly and five in the case of the Council. Government bills to be introduced in the Legislature will, in the first instance, be referred to the Executive Committee having jurisdiction over the Department, which is dealing with the subject matter. Every bill will have to be passed by both the Chambers.

RESERVED SUBJECTS

The Legislature will not be competent to enact any measure or discuss any matter relating to or affecting:—

1. The Ruling family of Travancore or any member thereof or the management of the household;
2. The Travancore State forces including His Highness' bodyguard;
3. The Devaswoms or the Hindu religious endowments;
4. The relations of Government with the British Government, the Government of India or with foreign Princes or States;
5. Matters governed by Treaties conventions or argeements made by the Government with the British Government, the Government of India or with foreign Princes or States:
6. The provisions of the Reforms Act and the rules passed under it.

POWERS OF DEWAN

The previous sanction of the Dewan is necessary for the introduction of any measure which (A) affects the public revenues of the State or imposes a charge on such revenues; (B) affects the religion or religious rites and usages of any class of the State subjects; and (C) repeals or amends any law passed by His Highness directly.

The Dewan will have the power to certify that any Bill, which has been introduced or is proposed to be introduced in either Chamber or any clause of such Bill, affects the safety or tranquillity of the State ano he will have the power to direct that no proceedings will be taken by the Chamber in relation to such Bill.

Where either Chamber of the Legislature refuses leave to introduce or to pass in a form recommended by the Government any Bill, the Dewan will have the power to certify that the passage of the bill is essential of the safety, tranquillity or interests of Travancore or any part thereof, and thereupon the further necessary steps for the passing of the bill will be taken and the bill will become law.

Among the items of expenditure which will not be submitted to the vote of the Legislature or discussed by it are expenditure relating to items removed from the cognisance of the Legislature, expenditure which is obligatory under a statute, contributions made by the State and Maramat and political expenditure. The Dewan will have power, in case of emergency, to sanction such expenditure as may, in the opinion of the Government, be necessary in the interest of the Government or for the carrying on of any Department or for the safety or tranquality of the State.

SIX COMMITTEES

The two Houses of the Legislature that will come into being under the new Statute will have jurisdiction over the entire field of Government, subject to certain specified exceptions The control of the Legislature over the policy of the Government departExecutive Committees, elected by the ments will be exercised through six ing of three members, two elected by Legislature, each Committee consistthe Assembly and one by the Council.

These Committees will deal with matters of administrative policy and administrative measures pertaining to the subjects allotted to them, but will not have power over the routine administration of the Department concerned. The Dewan will have power to veto any recommendation of the Executive Committees.

The Executive Administration and machinery of the State will be under the general and disciplinary control of the Dewan, who will be appointed by the Maharaja and will hold office during His Highness' pleasure.

HIGH COURT'S POWERS

Neither house of the Legislature will be competent to discuss or pass any resolution on any matter pending before any court in the land. The High Court will be competent to pronounce on the constitutionality of the laws or decisions made or passed by the Legislature, provided, however, that no court shall have power to revise the Rulings on points of order of the Chairman of either house or the orders of the Dewan passed in the exercise of the special powers vested in him under the statute. It shall be open to the High Court to interpret the provisions of the Statute.

With regard to the Residuary Powers of the Maharaja it is stated that nothing contained in the constitution will "affect or derogate from the powers of the Maharaja to enact laws or to take action under His Highness' inherent Sovereign powers"

The Communique says that the Government has under consideration the question of the reservation of seats in joint electorates for those minority communities that are legitimately entitled to representation in the Legislature and that can be proved otherwise to be unable to secure any such representation.

FRANCHISE COMMITTEE

Immediately after the proclamation is issued a Franchise Committee will be set up for the preparation and revision of the voters' list on the basis of adult suffrage. The Committee will also deal with the formation of constituencies.

This Committee will also make proposals in respect of special constituencies for the Second Chamber. Tribunals will also be set up to deal with appeals arising from the preparation of the voters' list and other similar matters.

VIEWS INVITED

The Communique adds that before the newly adumbrated Constitution is promulgated in the form of a Statute Government will also consult representative of public opinion and all the views expressed.

All written representations on the scheme are to be addressed to the Administrative Secretary so as to reach him before 20th February, 1947.

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STAGE SET FOR PALESTINE TALKS

LONDON, Jan. 26. (A.P.A.): The British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, called on the Palestine Arab delegation in London yesterday making the first tentative move in resuming talks on the future of Palestine.

The Colonial Office said it was only a courtesy call on the Arabs, who boycotted the last Autumn sessions because Britain refused to let Haj Ami-El-Hussein, the Mufti of Jerusalem to come to London as a delegate.

Representatives of seven other Arab States were also ready to sit down on Monday in St. James Palace to discuss the future of the Holy Land with British representatives.

Jews who boycotted a previous meeting will not be there, but David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, will be close by to express Jewish feelings on any proposals.

Move To Establish Arab Popular League

BAGHDAD, Jan. 26 (A.P.A.): Abdul Razzak Dhahir, a representative of the Iraq Independence Party, returned here yesterday after spending three months in Cairo, trying to establish an Arab Popular League.

He has formed a preparatory committee in Egypt, consisting of the leaders of various organisations. The committee has issued a statement urging the need for a popular league representing all leaders of the Arab territories to "face all dangers effectively and realise the hopes and aspirations of all Arabs."

Abdul Razzak said that a general conference will be convened within two months, probably in Cairo, to decide what form the popular league shall take.

CONSEMBLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

First Meeting To Be Held In Last Week Of February

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26. (U.P.I.): The first meeting of the Advisory Committee appointed by the Constituent Assembly will be held, the United Press of India understands, on or about February 24 next. The 22 vacancies in the committee to be filled up by nominations by the President of the Constituent Assembly are expected to be filled up by February 10.

At the first meeting, the committee after the election of its Chairman, would split itself into five subcommittees, viz, (A) one for dealing with the tribal problems in the northwestern frontier, (B) one for similar problems in north-eastern frontir, (C) one for dealing with problems of excluded and partially excluded areas, (D) one for dealing with problems affecting the minorities, and (E) one for drawing the charter of fundamental rights of citizens.

The United Press of India gathers that the sub-committees set up for the two frontiers would visit their respective areas and ascertain the peculiarities of problems which would affect them. It is understood, that two 'ad hoc' members from among the tribal people of these two frontiers would be co-opted as members to assist the sub-committees during their visit to the tribal areas.

It is further understood that an elaborate questionnare would be circulated among the tribal people before the visit of the sub-committee members to elicit information relating to various aspects of their political and economic conditions.

JINNAH'S APPEAL TO VICEROY

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action on the part of the Punjab Government, to my astonishment, said that he had nothing to say until he returned to Lahore. Evidently, the decision was taken in his absence and without his knowledge and I hope the Premier will explain his position without any further delay with regard to this matter.

APPEAL TO VICEROY

"The repercussions of this one more mad and inimical action against the Muslim League on the part of the Punjab Government will be terrific all over Muslim India and I appeal to the Viceroy to immediately intervene and save the situation which otherwise may take a very serious turn for which the entire responsibility will rest with the Viceroy and H. M. G.

"The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League which is meeting in Karachi on the 29th of January will consider the whole matter and decide upon what course of action should be adopted to meet this uncalled for aggression and unwarranted policy of the Punjab Government at this most critical time when already there is so much trouble and unrest all over India".

PREMIER EXPLAINS

LAHORE, January 26. (A.P.I.): announcing the decision of the Punjab Government to release the eight Muslim League M. L. A.'s who were arrested on Friday last on a charge of offering passive resistance, Malik Sir Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab in a statement to the press says:—

"I was away from Lahore on January 24 when the offices of the R. S. S. and the Muslim League National Guards were searched and arrests were effected. Since my return on 25th January, I have studied the situation and wish to make the position of the Punjab Government clear.

"During the last year, the communal situation in the Punjab has given cause for grave anxiety. The decision to declare the R. S. S. S. and the M. L. N. G. unlawful associations was taken solely the interest of communal peace, and the Punjab Government assumed that their action would have the support or acquiescence of all law abiding citizens.

"I find however that the declaration in respect of the M. L. N. G. has been interpreted by the Muslim League as an attack upon them as a political party. Nothing was further from the thoughts of my Government than any such attack, and I wish to do everything I can to remove any misunderstanding.

"The leaders of the Muslim League have repeatedly said that they do not desire any disturbance of the peace. I think it possible that the leaders who were arrested in connection with the usual routine searches of Muslim League National Guards premises on January 24 acted hastily and perhaps under the impression that their party organisation was being interfered with, and not in deliberate definance of the law.

My Government has therefore decided to withdraw the cases against these eight persons, in the hope that they will reconsider their position in the light of this assurance that my Government has sought no political advantage by its action against the Muslim League National Guards.

"I must add that no person holding office in the Punjab to whatever party he may belong, can doubt that the maintenance of communal peace is his primary duty, and my Government expects to receive support, in this matter at least from the members of all parties".

Released

In pursuance of the announcement of the Punjab Premier six Muslim League M. L. A.'s namely the Khan of Mamdot, President of the Punjab Provincial Muslim League, Mr. Feroze Khan Noon, former member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, Sardar Shaukat Hyat Khan, Former Minister of the Punjab Government, Begum Shah Nawaz, Mr. Mumtaz Doulatana, and Mian Iftikharuddin, were released from the Lahore Central jail at 11-10 p. m. tonight. Two other Muslim League workers namely Begum Kamaluddin and Syed Amir Hussain Shah, provincial organiser of the Muslim National Guards who were also arrested along with them on Friday last were also released.

FEROZEPUR ARRESTS

FEROZEPUR, January 26. (A.P.I.): Sixty Muslims were arrested today in Ferozepur on a charge of marching in procession in defiance of Punjab Public Safety Ordinance. The arrested persons were produced before a local magistrate who remanded them to judicial lock up for ten days.

Jullundhur Jail Mobbed

JULLUNDHUR, Jan. 26. (A.P.I.): A mob consisting of over a thousand Muslims stormed the local jail following the arrest of the 34 persons for alleged contravention of the Public Safety Ordinance.

The mob damaged the main gate of the jail smashed the wooden fencing and damaged a police lorry before it was dispersed by the police.

The Muslims' quarters in the city observed complete hartal to protest against the arrest of league leaders in Lahore.

League Volunteer Arrested

PATNA, Jan. 26 (U.P.I.): A Muslim League volunteer found in uniform thus violating the Government order was arrested at the Patna railway station yesterday.

GREETINGS FROM ABROAD FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

LONDON, January 26. (I.P.A.): On the occasion of the Indian Independence Day prominent personages have given I. P. A. messages for India:

The Chinese Ambassador Mr. F. T. Cheng: "My country has great sympathy and admiration for your country and people, which is evidenced by the exchange of Embassies."

The Syrian Minister Mr. Armanazi: "My thoughts will be with the great peoples of India on this auspicious occasion and I sincerely hope independence will bring with it fraternity, goodwill, peace and happiness to all communities".

The Transjordan Minister Abdul Mejid: I take this opportunity of sending the great Indian nation heartful wishes for the future solution of her difficult problems. That India will achieve an era of unity, solidity, food for hungry, health to sick, education to unenlightened, happiness to the sad and peace and brotherly love to all. So will this great powerful nation take her place in friendship and co-operation with others working for the good whole world".

The Saudi Arabian Minister Hafiz Wahba: "I would like to take the opportunity of congratulating the Indian people on Indian Independence Day and wishing every success and prosperity for 1947 any years to come. At the same time I wish that Muslim friends overcoming all difficulties happily co-operate with fellow country men, Also that Muslim people will enjoy new and fruitful period and be able to maintain their traditions and Muslim culture. I also sincerely hope that peaceful councils will prevail."

Lord Strabolgi: "As an old friend of Indian people, I am privileged to send goodwill message on the occasion of Indian Independence Day. We in Britain have consciously done our best to prepare and assist India for this development and all progressives here now hope for India's prosperous future and friendship. India can play a great part in All-Asia leadership and co-operate with all mankind in building a better world. India has grave economic and social problems which can only be solved by Indians. We shall watch future progress with sympathy and trust."

Mr. Fenner Brockway: "India has spiritually won her claim for Independence. I hope the coming year will see full realisation of India's freedom. I know Indians won't spare themselves in this endeavour."

Mr. Harry Pollit, Secretary, Communist Party: "The struggle for Indian freedom still goes on. On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Party, I pledge that in Britain the struggle will go on against every manoeuvre of British Imperialism to perpetuate India's subject status, and I trust this year all parties and communities in India will go forward with greater national unity and fighting strength for complete independence."

More Industries For South Africa

Following the agreement between Lancashire Cotton Corporation and the Consolidated Textile Mills, The South African and Natal Consolidated with two million sterling capital has been formed to promote cotton mills in the Union.

Hosiery plant at Blomfontein with a quarter-million capital being erected by the American Julius Kayser Company.

INDIA'S FINAL RALLY FOR INDEPENDENCE

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I.N.A. men and several Forward Bloc workers partook in a grand march-past conducted in Bhuleshwar Kabutarkhana this morning.

The provincial Forward Bloc observed the founding of the Azad Hind Fouj in Berlin to-day in conjunction with the Independence Day celebrations.

Members of the Bombay Provincial Students' Congress went round the city for box collections since early morning. As usual, large numbers of school-children lent colour and gaiety to the Day.

Giant Tricolours hung across the important thoroughfares and street junctions of the city, while at many places floral arches were put up. In central Bombay big Tricolour kites flew aloft in the sky all daylong with tiny, multi-hued gas balloons branching out from their corners.

TILL TRICOLOUR FLIES ON RED FORT

BOMBAY, Sunday. (U.P.I.): "At this critical juncture, when the British Government is trying its best to put obstacles in our way by instigating our Muslim brethren, every Congressman should see that he behaves in a way that would do credit to the Tricolour flag under which he has been carrying the struggle for all these years. He should not lose his head and should not indulge in fratricide, for that will only strengthen the strangle-hold of the British over us."

Thus observed Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, the Congress Socialist leader addressing a large audience at the flaghoisting ceremony in connection with the Independence Day celebrations at Khar this morning, when the Independence pledge was reiterated.

Mr Jai Prakash Narain said: "Though we are on the threshold of Swaraj, we should not forget that we are always to be ready for any eventual struggle that may have to be waged to enter the tempte itself. We should not rest till our National Flag flies at the Red Fort at Delhi.

Let everyone of us remember the pledge we have again taken to-day and let us hope that each one of us will do his best to fulfil the pledge he took while saluting the flag," he added.

Other items of the programme included a Harijan dinner, demonstration of mass spinning and establishment of contact with the villagers of Kherwadi.

CELEBRATIONS IN DELHI

Interim Govt. Members Take Active Part

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (U.P.I.): Delhi celebrated the Independence Day in a solemn manner. In accordance with the Congress President's directive, a peaceful atmosphere was maintained all over Delhi.

The Delhi citizens, however, seemed to be conscious that this year's celebration marked a departure from those of the previous years in view of the fact that the country might now said to be on the threshold of freedom.

Another distinctive feature of the Independence Day celebration in Delhi was in the fact that a number of Interim Government members took active parts in today's functions in different parts of the city.

Acharya Kripalani unfurled the tricolour flag in "Gandhi Ground" before a huge gathering. There was a huge crowd in "Lodi Colony" where Mr. G. B. Pant, the U. P. Premier performed the flag-hoisting ceremony at Central Park. The Azmal park at Karolbagh was crowded to capacity when Mrs. Suchita Kripalani administered the Independence Pledge. Dewan Chamanlal, Seth Govindas and Dr Pattabhi Sitaramayya also presided over to-day's functions in different centres.

AT LAHORE & AMRITSAR

LAHORE, Jan. 26 (A.P.I): Independence Day in Lahore passed off peacefully.

In accordance with the instructions of the Congress President people took the Independence Pledge either individually or in small groups. No meetings were held or processions taken out because of the Government ban.

The National Flag was hoisted at many prominent buildings in the city.

Students celebrated the day by hoisting Congress flags in their respective schools and colleges.

Independence Day was also celebrated in Amritsar.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT WARDHA

WARDHAGANJ, Jan. 26 (U.P.I.): Independence Day was observed here and in Sewagram Ashram by carrying out the constructive programme in the various national institutions.

The Flag salutation was held at "Gandhi Chowk" and the Independence Pledge was read out in an atmosphere of enthusiastic solemnity. Tricolour flags were hoisted on shops and house-tops. A mass spinning was also held in this connection.

AT MADRAS

MADRAS, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.): Independence Day celebrations were held in various parts of the city today.

The ceremony consisted of Flag salutation and the taking of Independence Pledge. In some places charka rallies and spinning demonstrations were also held.

The one-week ban on public meetings and demonstrations in the city imposed by the Commissioner of Police last Thursday has been relaxed today for the observance of Independence Day.

No incident is reported from any quarter.

AT CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26 (A.P.I.): Independence Day passed off without incident in Calcutta and in other towns and villages of Bengal where it was celebrated with strict adherence to the instructions of the A. I. C. C. according to reports reaching Calcutta late tonight.

A feature of the day's activity—though unconnected with the Independence Day celebrations—was a grand reception given to I.N.A. officers and men in north Calcutta.

AT POONA

POONA, Jan. 26 (A.P.I): Poona celebrated the Independence Day in a simple and unostentatious manner. There was a mild flutter in City Socialist circles over an incident in which three of their workers were prevented by the police from distributing handbills addressed to servicemen and the Police by the Maharashtra Congress Socialist Party, on the Poona Race Course where the Services Exhibition commenced today. The handbills appealed to servicemen and the police to take an oath on Independence Day to "fight on the side of the people in the coming struggle and help in driving away the Britishers."

Reports of celebrations have also been received from Karachi, Lucknow and Kolhapur.

Sarat Bose's Plea For Gigantic Asiatic Federation

CALCUTTA Jan. 26, (A.P.I.): A suggestion for a "Gigantic Asiatic Federation" consisting of Russia China India, Burma, Japan and other countries of the Far East was made by Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, at a reception given this evening to the I.N.A. officers and men now in Calcutta in connection with the Netaji's birthday celebrations.

The reception which was held in the grounds of a private villa in North Calcutta was attended by about 10,000 people including a large number of women.

Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose elaborating his proposal for the federation said that such a combination is essential not only for the salvation of India but also for the preservation of peace in the East."

Refferinf to the I.N.A. Mr. Bose said it fought for the freedom of the country in the true sense of the term. He made a particular appeal to the men and women of the I.N.A. to train the youth of India and inspire them with the ideals of Subhas Chandra Bose so that they may be an asset to them in India's coming battle for freedom.

POONA SEARCHES AND ARRESTS

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Jan. 26.

The residence of Shri Achyut Patwardhan, the General Secretary of the Congress Socialist Party, the party office of the Maharashtra Congress Socialist Party and offices of the Janata and the Usha the Congress Socialist party. Organs were searched by the Poona City Police this evening but nothing indiscriminating was found.

THREE ARRESTS.

Three Congress Socialist Party workers were arrested this afternoon while distributing a leaflet entitled. "An appeal to the military and the police". The appeal has been signed by Mr. N. G. Gore, the General Secretary of the Maharashtra Congress Socialist Party.

Shri Achyut Patwardhan is not in the city at present.

The police broke open the lock of the Maharashtra C.S.P. office as there was nobody there when they arrived.

The three arrested workers were later let off.

PRESSES SEARCHED.

The printing presses where the appeal was printed were also searched by the police and certain papers were seized from there.

WELLINGTON ISLAND AS MAJOR R. I. N. BASE

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.

Wellington Island, near Cochin where the naval establishment H.M.I.S. Vendrutti is at present situated, promises to become a major base for the Royal Indian Navy.

Discussing the future possibilities of development of this spot into a major naval base, with the special correspondent of the Associated Press of India, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy, mentioned some immediate moves in that direction.

H.M.I.S. Talwar, the Signal School in Bombay, Sir Geoffrey said, had already been moved to the island. Another establishment, H.M.I.S. Machli, near the submarine training school near Versova, is shortly to be shifted there. The third shore establishment to be moved to the new base in the making is H.M.I.S. Valsure now functioning in Jamnagar.

In about eighteen months time, Sir Geoffrey hoped, the work of removing these three establishments would be complete and the island would become an important centre for the Royal Indian Navy.

Major Collins Held Captive

JERUSALEM, Jan. 26. (A.P.A.): A military source stated to-day that Irgun Zvai Leumi had abducted a British army officer known only as Major Collins and are now holding him captive in an ancient Moslem cemetery in the heart of Jerusalem.

Fears were expressed openly that the kidnappers might try to hang the Major as a retaliation against the Groner decision.

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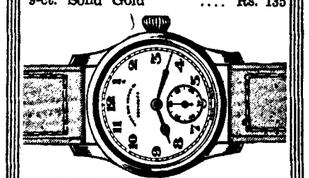

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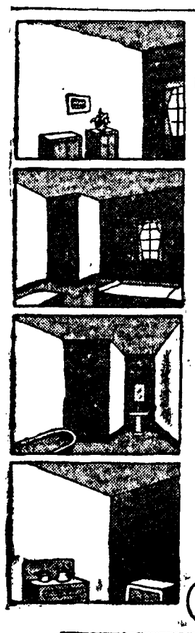

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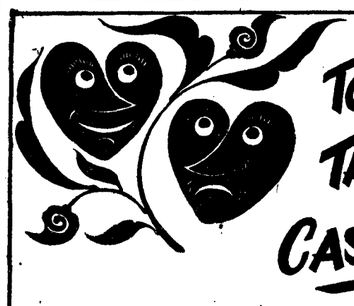

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Nazi Party Plans To Return To Power

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS: DE-NAZIFICATION SCHEME CRITICISED

LONDON, Jan. 25 (Reuter): A declaration that the "Nazi Party in Germany is quietly reorganising for a return to power" is made by the International Committee for study of European questions in a survey of Germany published today. It is the first part of a document which is being issued in two parts to the Prime Ministers and Foreign Secretaries of Allied countries. Five European countries are represented on the Committee—Britain, France, Belgium, Denmark and Holland.

NAZI NETWORK

The Committee asserts that errors in de-Nazification in the British, French and American Zones of Germany have led to the result that the Nazi Party has recovered from the first shock of Germany's defeat and is quietly reorganising to return to power through capturing control of democratic institutions set up by the Allies.

"There exists in fact now throughout Germany a network of Nazi organisations whose power is increasing more and more each month.

"Having learnt from experiences of resistance movements in Allied countries under German occupation, these organisations avoid active resistance.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE

"For the moment they aim at passive resistance only", the report says. "They endeavour to: Firstly, thwart the de-Nazification and keep as many as possible of their own men in key positions.

"Secondly, spy on Germans both in their private and public life and maintain a nationalistic spirit amongst them either by intimidation or threats.

"Thirdly, cause disorder in those administrations of industrial or agricultural organisations controlled by the occupying powers to increase their difficulties and thus induce them to put more and more control into the hands of the Germans themselves.

"To this end local groups called block watches have been organised in the four zones and their membership has increased regularly since the end of 1945.

"These groups are instructed to avoid any sabotage of Allied installations or military stores to prevent attracting attention to themselves and to let responsibility for the disorder created rest upon the occupying powers."

ACTIVITIES ABROAD

A section of the survey deals with activities of Nationalist and National Socialist organisations abroad to-day. It says that in South Africa movements which have Nazi tendencies have been continuously developing during the last 18 months. They consist of, firstly, Greyshirts, secondly, Blackshirts, thirdly, Ossewabrandwag, and fourthly, Broederbond. The South African Government appears for the time being to be powerless to stop the growth of these Nazi groups, says the report. Argentina, Sweden and Switzerland are other countries mentioned.

The Committee conclude: "On the eve of the peace conference concerning Germany it seems essential to consider the facts as they are—and not as one hopes they shall be—and to inform public opinion sincerely about them.

"Failing this it seems that it would be difficult to lay sound foundations for a lasting peace."

Stalin Plans For Three-Way Military Alliance?

PARIS, Jan. 25 (Reuter): Reports that Generalissimo Stalin is pressing for a fullfledged three-way military alliance between Britain, Russia and France were received with considerable reserve by French Foreign Office officials here to-night.

A representative of the personal Cabinet of M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, said: "There has so far been no approach from the Russians on this subject though we do not know what the future will hold."

The possibility that the Soviet Government may propose a common alliance between Britain, Russia and France against any future German aggression is considered here to be feasible.

So far, however, no official steps in this direction have been taken by the Soviet Government.

It is stated here that when General Charles de Gaulle went to Moscow in December 1944 to sign the Franco-Soviet 20-year treaty of alliance, Generalissimo Stalin suggested that it should be converted into a three-power alliance with Britain but that General de Gaulle declined the suggestion.

Akbar Hydari Appointed Assam Governor

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (API): A Communique issued from the Viceroy's House says:

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Muhammad Saleh Akbar Hydari, I.C.S., to be Governor of Assam in succession to His Excellency Sir Andrew Clow K.C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., on expiration of his term of office on May 3 1947.

APPOINTMENT WELL-RECEIVED

The appointment of Sir Akbar Hydari as Governor of Assam has been well received in Official and non-official circles in Delhi.

Indian Tariff Board Expansion

Chundrigar Says Matter Is Receiving Attention

CALCUTTA, Jan. 25 (API): An expansion of the present Tariff Board in order to expedite the examination of the requests for protection from industries is under consideration of the Government of India, said Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member in the Interim Government during talks with members of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce here today.

The Commerce Member said that about forty applications from various Indian industries had so far been referred to the Tariff Board and another forty were now under preliminary scrutiny in the Commerce Department. The Board had already submitted their recommendations in regard to seventeen industries, and the decision of Government on some of them had been announced.

Explaining the import policy of the Government, the Commerce Member pointed out that it was always the endeavour of Government to strike a mean between the interests of the indigenous producers and the consumers.

STRIKE THREAT IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPETOWN, Jan. 26 (Reuter): South African miners will cause a catastrophe to themselves if they carry out their threat to call a strike on Monday in South African gold, diamond and coal-miners, the Ministers of Labour, Dr. C. G. Steyn, said here yesterday.

Dr. Steyn said that he regretted the decision taken by a meeting of the United Mines-Workers' Committee—one of the factions in the Mine-Workers' Union—to call a strike if the Ministry of Labour did not clear up the constitutional position of the Mine-Workers' Union by Monday.

The Committee officials insisted that the only means of avoiding the strike was an immediate declaration by the Government to introduce legislation depriving paid officials of the Mine-Workers' Union of their rights to vote, he said.

Legislative interference by the Government in the internal arrangements of a Trade Union might have very serious repercussions, Dr. Steyn added.

JAMMU JAGIR IN REVOLT

Sequel To Arrest Of Harijan Woman

JAMMU, Jan. 25 (API): The twelve thousand people of Chemania juridictional Jagir in Jammu have started what is called "Quit Chemani" agitation against the Raja.

The agitation has been revived as a result of the arrest of a Harijan woman of the Jagir who, it is alleged, was arrested for taking active part in an earlier agitation against the Raja of the Chemani Jagir. The Harijan woman who is under detention is reported to have gone on hunger strike.

It is recalled that following an agitation against the Raja the Maharaja of Kashmir recently deputed an Officer to study the situation and as a result introduced some reforms in the Jagir which among other things deprived the Raja of his judicial powers.

LARGE SCALE CORRUPTION IN SIND

Mr. Budd Submits Report

KARACHI, Jan. 25 (AP.I.): Corruption exists on a large scale in the Provincial Rationing and Control department, and also in the Police Department, according to the report submitted to the Sind Government by Mr. B. W. Budd, I.C.S., Corruption officer, who was appointed in May last to enquire into the causes of corruption and bribery in Government department and to suggest remedies.

Mr. Budd who toured all the districts of Sind and met representatives of various organisations, describes in the course of his report various corrupt practices in the Public Works and Revenue departments also.

It is learned the report is being considered by the Sind Government who will accept some of the recommendations of Mr. Budd before the Budget Session of the Sind Assembly begins on February 17.

Al Capone Dead

MIAMI, (Florida), Jan. 25 (Reute , Al Capone, for six years 'King of American Gangsters" died at 7.75 p.m. (G.M.T.) here tonight.

Once described as "lion of the biggest bootleggers in the United States", Al Capone who was suffering from an apoplectic stroke and lung congestion, had a relapse yesterday and earlier today the doctor described his condition as "very critical"

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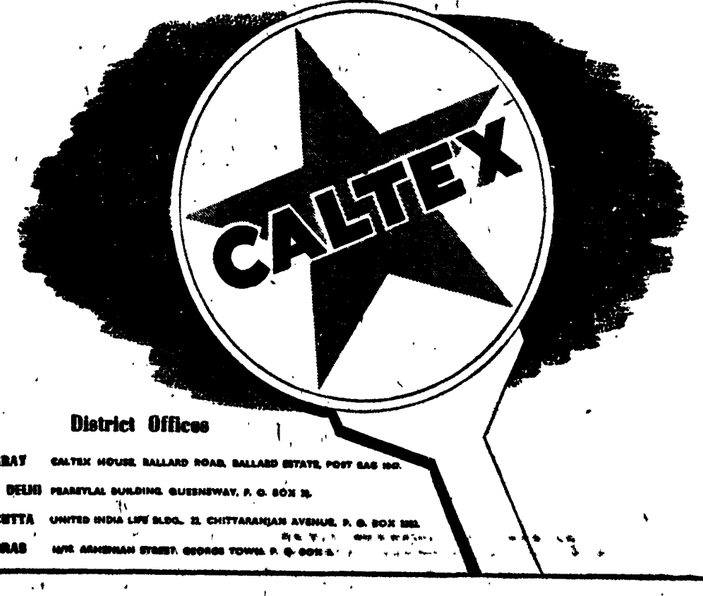

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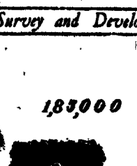

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Egypt's Rebuff To Britain On Sudan Issue

CABINET REJECTS LATEST BRITISH PROPOSALS: QUESTION TO BE REFERRED TO U. N. O.

CAIRO, Jan. 25, (Reuter): The Egyptian Cabinet has rejected the latest British proposals on the Sudan question and has decided to appeal to the United Nations, it was reliably believed tonight.

BRITISH NOTE EXAMINED

The Cabinet at two meetings lasting three and a half hours had earlier this evening, completed examination of the British note on the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations presented to Mahmoud Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, last night by Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, the British Ambassador.

They have reached a decision, it is officially announced, which would be transmitted to Sir Ronald to-night and to the Egyptian Parliament on Monday.

Simultaneously the British Embassy issued a statement saying that the door to a possible agreement on the Sudan issue—the main stumbling block in the negotiations—still remains open and declaring that legal grounds on which Egypt could commit the question to the United Nations were "not apparent in London."

BRITAIN'S HOPES

CAIRO, Jan. 25 (Reuter): A statement issued here to-night by the British Embassy said: "Official circles in London state that while it is admitted that negotiations between British and Egyptian Governments over the question of the Sudan have reached an extremely delicate stage, hope has not been abandoned in London that an agreement may still be reached."

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has seen the Egyptian Ambassador in London twice in the last two days, while the British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Ronald Campbell, had frequent conversations with Egyptian Prime Minister, Mahmoud Nokrashy Pasha, who yesterday was received by King Farouk. In fact, contact is being fully maintained while the quest for a Sudan formula satisfactory to both Governments continued.

"Thus the official British appreciation of the position, namely that the door remains open to possible agreement, does not tally with the pessimistic outlook attributed to authoritative Egyptian sources in Cairo, which are reported to have described the negotiations as having broken down."

The statement adds that apart from the Sudan question, "agreement between the two Governments on the proposed revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty is complete."

"Disagreement concerning the Sudan arises out of divergent British and Egyptian interpretations of the Sudan Protocol drawn up by Mr Ernest Bevin and Sidky Pasha—the then Egyptian Prime Minister—in London last autumn. No official text of that protocol has been made public."

POINTS OF AGREEMENT

"It is generally understood, however", the statement continued, "that the Protocol embodied the following principles about which there is no disagreement in interpretation between the two Governments: "(1) Anglo-Egyptian administration of the Sudan shall continue as established by the Condominium Agreement of 1899, until attainment by the Sudanese of self-governing status.

"(2) It remains the duty of the British and Egyptian Governments to facilitate the process towards self-government of the Sudan.

"(3) The sovereignty of the Egyptian Crown over the Sudan is recognised as at present existing.

"The issue over which the British and Egyptian conceptions diverge is the connotation on Sudanese self-government. The Egyptian Government maintains that Sudanese self-government must not exceed the limits of Egyptian sovereignty over the Sudan, which in Egyptian view is perpetual.

"The British Government holds that the right of self-determination to be exercised by the Sudanese at the proper moment of political maturity, included the right to choose full independence from Egypt, just as much as their right to choose autonomy in union with Egypt.

"The British Government, at the same time, disclaims all intention to influence the Sudanese either for or against either ultimate status but the British Government which has given repeated pledges to the Sudanese that they shall eventually be free to choose their own destiny cannot sign away a people's right to self-determination in a treaty with a third party.

"Among the suggestions put forward by his Britannic Majesty's Government to meet this difficulty was the proposal that a treaty should be signed leaving the Sudan question to be settled later at a conference at which the Sudan would be represented.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL

"Another proposal was that a Sudan Protocol should be attached to the treaty, provided both parties acknowledge the Sudan's right to a free decision for the future.

"The British Government, for its part would declare that it would do nothing to encourage the Sudanese to separate themselves from Egypt.

"None of these suggestions has been accepted by the Egyptian Government which is riding on a rising tide of Egyptian political opinion.

"It is chiefly on a search for a formula or a Protocol satisfactory to both the Governments that recent exchanges of views between London and Cairo have been concentrated. It is this search which has not been forsaken by the Egyptian Government.

"There is talk in Cairo of the Egyptian Government, in the event of admitted failure of the two Governments to agree concerning the Sudan, bringing the question—presumably the question of duration of Egyptian sovereignty over the Sudan—before the United Nations. Legal grounds on which an appeal to the United Nations could be made is not apparent in London.

"What is clear is that if the negotiations for the revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty were finally broken off then the existing treaty of 1936 which was freely entered into by both the parties would remain in force until 1956 unless both the parties agreed to denounce it earlier", the statement concluded.

Holland's Claim On Germany

Six "Pockets" Of Territory Demanded On Frontier

THE HAGUE, Jan. 25 (Reuter): Holland demanded six "pockets" of German territory so as to straighten her frontier, in a new memorandum submitted to-day to the "Big Four" Deputy Foreign Ministers' Conference in London.

Citing historical, geographical and economic grounds, the memorandum claimed: (1) The country of Bentheim (which juts about 15 miles into Dutch territory). (2) The pockets at Vreden and Anholt. (3) Frontier modification near the area of the old Duchy of Cleves and the towns of Cleves and Emmerich (town in another German pocket through which the Rhine enters Holland). (4) Modifications in the neighbourhood of the Dutch towns of Reermond and Sittard (a little further south).

The modifications in the vicinity of Hertogenrade and six Aix La Chappelle (Aachen) towns in the small pocket near the Belgium-Dutch-German border junction.

At the northern end of the Frontier, Holland disputed the German claim to absolute sovereignty over the Estuary.

When Gustav Threatened Resignation

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 24, I. P. A.): Liberal newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" publishes rumours that King Gustav vigorously supported the German demands in June 1942 for permission to send German troops from Norway to Finland, through Sweden and threatened abdication if the Government opposed it. The allegation is attributed to Gustav Moeller the Social Minister, in the wartime Cabinet.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 17th January:—

	Rs.
1. Demand Liabilities in India	739,80,71,000
2. Time Liabilities in India	332,93,46,000
3. Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	39,04,47,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	2,53,77,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	73,87,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	78,25,22,000
5. Advances in India	452,46,92,000
6. Bills discounted in India	23,38,56,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS. (In thousand Rupees.)

1. Demand Liabilities in India 17-1-1947 738,80,71, 10-1-1947 733,69,96, 18-1-1946 691,23,73, 1-1-1939 134,36,49.
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6. Bills discounted in India, 17-1-1947 23,38,56, 10-1-1947 24,60,96, 18-1-1946 20,88,46, 1-9-1939 3,57,29.

PEPPER PRICES HIGHER

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (UPA). Prices of seeds remained unchanged during today's session of the New York market except for black and white pepper. Closing prices were:

Black pepper 55 to 56 cents per pound.
White pepper 57 to 58 cents per pound.
Cottonseeds del. 90 to del. 110 per ton.
Flaxseeds del. 7.25 per bushel.
Peanuts 18 to 19-1/2 cents per pound.
Linseed oil 35.6 cents per pound.

U. S. Cotton Industry At Cross-roads

CHOICE BETWEEN COTTON & SYNTHETIC FIBRES

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (UPA). What is the future of the U. S. cotton industry.

Will the South continue to [illegible] the world as a producer of cotton, or will it bow itself out as an important factor in world cotton production, and bring about a resultant situation whereby the U S citizen will wear clothes that are made of cotton grown in other lands, or of synthetic fibres produced in this country?

This is a very important question to the South. It is not too much to say that the answer will spell the difference between prosperity and poverty in the years immediately ahead, says an editorial in the "Cotton Digest."

But the situation does not look very promising, judging in the light of performances in the past few years. In spite of relatively high prices for cotton last spring, the cotton acreage fell to the lowest in modern times, and the crop is one of the smallest ever produced. Why is this so? Is it because cotton production is not profitable any more for the southern farmer? Or is it because the Southern farmer has found that he can produce other crops on a more profitable basis than cotton?

This can hardly be true, because no less an authority than the U. S. Department of Agriculture in its Bureau of Agricultural Economics pointed out that cotton was the most profitable crop in the country.

SHORT CROP

The cotton crop this year will fall far short of the needs of this country, much less supplying the three or four million bales of cotton for the export trade that is going on and will show up in the annual statistics at the end of the season next July 31st.

So it is pertinent to ask: What are the chances that the South will plant the 23,000,000 acres to cotton that has been set as a goal for 1947 by the Department of Agriculture? It is equally important to ask whether 23,000,000 acres is sufficient to meet the demand that will exist for cotton, both in this country, and throughout the world.

There is no denying the point that the South is at the crossroads. One road will lead to larger cotton production, to more profits and resultant prosperity. The other road will lead to less use of lands, to turning to other crops, and to a disastrous upset in the economy of the South, and perhaps in the agricultural economy of the entire nation.

It may be said that larger cotton crops cannot be produced profitably. Perhaps under the present system, under the present management it will not be easy to produce larger cotton crops on the same basis of profit as will exist in smaller crops at prices around current levels.

But this does not alter the fact that cotton crops commensurate with the needs of the world can be produced profitably by the farmers of the South who are making farming a business instead of a mere living.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Jan. 24, (Reuter):

Although the markets were very quiet except from midday onwards there was a distinct return on confidence in most sections.

There was more buying interest in industrials, particularly for stores and tobaccos and although the best prices were not maintained, the undertone was firm.

Shipping issues failed to maintain their fearless firmness the Peninsular Oriental deferred dropping back to 74/9.

There was fair activity in oils throughout, but this was mostly centred around the royal Dutch shell group.

The long awaited announcement regarding a block of seven new leases disappointed the South African gold share market, which together with reports of labour trouble, depressed this section.

British Government stocks were quietly firm throughout the day, while the foreign bond section was idle.

MONEY IN CIRCULATION SHOWS DOWNWARD SLUMP

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UPA). The Federal Reserve System today reported that money in circulation continued a downward slump during the week ended January 22, falling 149,000,000 dollars to 28,369,000,000 dollars. It was said that currency dropped 794,000,000 since it reached a record high of 29,163,000,000 on December 24th. Gold stocks rose 125,000,000 to a new peak since November 22, 1944 at 20,692,000,000. The increase was attributed mostly to releases from quantities earmarked plus some imports.

LONDON SILVER MARKET IDLE

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UPA). The London silver market was idle today with Bombay seemingly willing to pay 62 pence if London stocks were larger.

The best opinion in the market is that the "Fujiara" will carry about 1,500,000 ounces (approximately 1,000 bars) of silver while the "Dumra," it is now believed, will carry about 3,500,000 ounces (approximately 2,500 bars) and perhaps a shade over.

There had been some arrivals of Chinese silver, but these had been already sold and thus were not for London's depleted stocks.

There have been no Russian shipments because the harbours are frozen, but as the Soviets have some most powerful ice-breakers in the world, there would be no surprise if Russian silver suddenly arrived.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, January 25.

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May	29.68
July	28.12
October	26.02
December	25.42
January	25.17
Middling Spot	31.43

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	30.49
May	29.64
July	28.02
October	25.99
December	25.30
Middling Spot	30.55

CHICAGO WHEAT
CHICAGO, January 25.

March	2.00-1/2 to 2.00-5/8
May	1.94 to 1.94-1/8
July	1.77-1/2 to 1.77-3/8
September	1.74-1/8 to 1.74-1/8

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, January 25.

American Telephone & Telegraph	173-5/8
Amerex Holding Co.	34
Ananconda Copper Mining	39-1/8
Chase National Bank	37-7/8
Sinclair Oil	15-5/8
Firestone Tyre Co.	57-1/2
General Electric Co.	37
General Motors	56-5/8
Ingersol Rand	129 bid
International Nickel	35-5/8
National City Bank of New York	41-1/2
New York Central Rail Road Co.	19
Socony Vacuum Corporation	14-5/8
Texas Corporation	56-1/2
Union Carbon & Carbide	99-1/2
U. S. Smelting Refining Co	44-1/4
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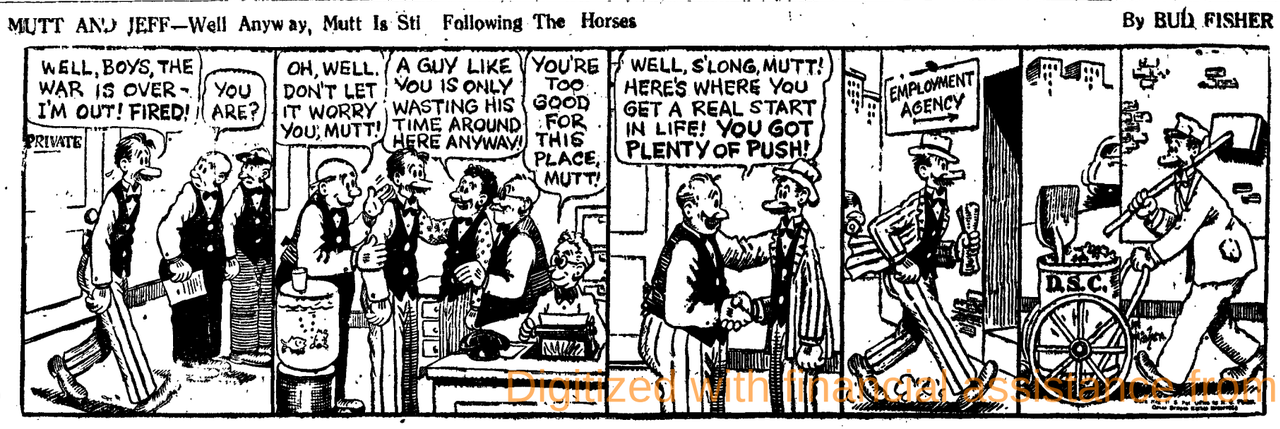
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Wanted one well versed in foundry having very good experience—good prospects. Apply to Box No. 1609 "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted a Shorthand Typist. Apply stating age, experience and the minimum salary expected to the Box No. 9999, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted an experienced good natured nurse for the young girl at the Sanatorium, suffering from T.B., apply to Box No. 4695, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted a Fire Manager with some previous experience and of age between 30-45 to take charge of Fire Department, Co-operative Assurance Co., Ltd., Lahore. Pay according to qualifications. 1673

Wanted an experienced M.B., B.S., or L.M.P. Lady Doctor for our Female Hospital at Padrauna. Apply with copies of testimonials stating minimum salary acceptable to Messrs. Debidutt Surajmal, Padrauna, District Dooria, Select candidate will be provided with free furnished quarter. Private practice allowed. 1578

Wanted: District and Provincial Managers for Organisation of Our Agricultural Unit and Housing Scheme in the Districts and Provinces. Salary Rs. 250-20-500/- persons of influence willing to invest Rs. 5,000 in business need apply: Building and Land Trust (India) Ltd. 3, Mangoe Lane, Calcutta. (1497)

If you want any kind of employment in India or abroad, apply (giving qualifications) for our "Terms". Hastings & Co., Employment Agents, Cloth Market, Delhi. 4684

HOTELS (IN HILL STATION)

Leave in Kashmir. Mount View Hotel offers best accommodation with first class food under European Management both at Srinagar and Gulmarg. Sanitary fitted rooms at Srinagar, Boulevard Road. Apply for reservation to Manager. 4662

MEDICAL ADLETS

Hypon relieves pain quickly, certainly. It acts direct on the nerve centres. It produces no depressive after-effects, of constipation. Have Hypon always handy. Available from Chemists or Biddle Sawyers, Bombay-9. Rs. 1/8/- for 20 tablets. 1541

MACHINERY WANTED

Wanted Oil Engines (preferably Ruston or Crossley) new or secondhand of high horse power i.e., from 40 H.P. upto 125 H.P. Intending Sellers or Stockists may correspond to the following address: Batchu Venkateshwarlu, Merchant, Mill Owner and Municipal Councillor, Canal Road, Bezwada. 1610

Wanted A Printing Press—Double Royal or Double Crown size—former preferred. No accessories required. Box No. 4692, "Bombay Chronicle".

MACHINERIES FOR SALE

"Velos" Numbering Machines, Stapling Machines, Staples, Punching Machines, also Stemp's Nibs, American Pencils. Ramu & Sons, Matunga, Bombay. (4667)

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents to Secure woollen and Silk Cloth Orders, terms liberal free. Apply Western Textiles, Ludhiana." (4540)

Wanted: Agents for Art, Silk Cloth & Hosiery. Bright Prospects. Apply for terms and samples M. Salmon & Bros. Ludhiana (N. India). (4500)

Wanted Agents & Stockists throughout India or abroad for our well-known & highly silverplated "Vulcanlocks". For full particulars apply: Manager Vulcan (Bright) Lock Works Govt. Contractors Aligarh. 4687

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Eversharp World Famous Lifetime Fountainpens and Sets all varieties arrived by air from America Controlled Prices Limited Stock (Special concession to bonafide dealers) Apply sharp: Onward Trading Co., Carnac Road, 3rd Floor, Tayabji Building, Opp. Gokuldas Hospital Bombay Telegrams. "Onwardco" 4694

PUBLIC NOTICES.

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DISTRICT CONTROLLER, Grainshops, G. I. P. Railway, Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 P.M. on 4-2-47 for the supply of Firewood to the Railway's Fuel Shops at Dombivli and Kalyan. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 1625

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE FREE INDIA GENERAL INSURANCE CO., LTD., CAWNPORE.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Policyholders of the Free India General Insurance Company Limited shall be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 13/390, Civil Lines, Cawnpore, on Saturday, the 3rd May, 1947 at 5 P.M. to elect to the Board of Directors three Policyholders' Directors under Section 48 of the Insurance Act, 1938, and the Insurance Rules, 1939.

Only and all persons holding otherwise than as assignees one or more policies of life insurance issued by the Company and satisfying the following requirements are eligible for election as Policyholders' Directors of the Company:—

(a) The policies shall insure either a total sum, including any bonuses that may have attached to them before the date of election, of not less than Rs. 3,000/- or annuities on human life of a total amount of not less than Rs. 250/- per annum.

(b) All the policies held in compliance with clause (a) shall have been in force for not less than 3 years.

The assignment of a policy to the person who took out the policy shall not disqualify that person for being eligible for election as a Director.

The applications from eligible persons prepared to accept office as elected Directors of the Company should give the applicant's name and address and the numbers of and amounts of the sums insured by the policies by virtue of which he claims to be eligible for election and such application should be sent by registered post to the principal office of the Company at Cawnpore so as to reach it not less than two months before the date of the meeting, viz. 2nd March, 1947. Such applications should be made in the English language or Urdu, or Hindi, the principal languages of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.

A person shall be ineligible for election as a director, if he is a director, officer, employee or legal or technical adviser of the Company or of any other insurer. No insurance agent who solicits or procures life Insurance business and no person acting on behalf of an insurer, who for the purpose of life insurance business employs insurance agents, shall be eligible to be a Director of the Company.

Every policyholder who desires to attend the meeting should apply to the Company for a certificate of admission, such application to reach the Company not less than two months before the date of the meeting viz. 2nd March, 1947, and the Company on being satisfied that the applicant holds a policy of life insurance issued by the Company not less than six months before the date of election shall issue a certificate at least one month before the date of the meeting i.e. before the 2nd April, 1947. The certificate of admission shall not be transferable.

Votes for the election of Directors may be given at the meeting either personally or by proxy and in the manner provided in the Insurance Rules, 1939. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing in Form IV-A of the Insurance Rules, 1939, under the hand of the appointor in favour of a policyholder, and shall be presented at the Registered Office of the Company not less than one month before the date of the meeting. No policyholder shall appoint more than one proxy irrespective of the number of policies he holds. A form of proxy can be obtained from the undersigned on application.

If any policyholder is a lunatic or an idiot, he may vote by his legal representative; and if any policyholder is a minor, he may vote by his legally appointed guardian, or by any one of such guardians if more than one.

If a policy has been proposed for, and taken out jointly by, more than one person, having insurable interest between them each such person shall be entitled to vote as holder of that policy.

All communications in this respect should be addressed to the Managing Director of the Company and not to any officer personally.

By order of the
Board of Directors,
(Sd.) N. K. BHARTIYA,
Managing Director.

Cawnpore,
Dated: January 21, 1947. 1652

THE GUJARAT COSMOPOLITAN CLUB, LTD.

Kabibai Trust Building,
Musjid Munder Road, Bombay-3.

NOTICE

THE MEMBERS of the above Club are informed that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Club will be held on 20th February, 1947, at 4 P.M. at Club's Office when the following resolution re. Voluntary liquidation will be considered.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

"Resolved that on account of the unsatisfactory state of affairs of the Club because of the riot in the City and the consequent irregularity on part of the members, the Club be hereby wound up voluntarily and Mr. Raya R. R., LL.B. be appointed the Sole Liquidator to exercise all the powers under the Indian Companies Act in general and regarding the disposal of the Club's effects in the manner he thinks fit in particular."

Bombay dated 21-1-47.

By order of the Board,
for Gujarat Cosmopolitan Club. Ltd.,
RAYA, R. R., LL.B.,
Secretary. 1661

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD (DIVISION III)
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase.
Jamnagar House, Mansingh Road NEW DELHI.

DISPOSAL NOTICE.

The Chief Director of Purchase is prepared to consider offers to purchase the following quantities of RUM at below or above the prices mentioned below:—

Item No.	Store	Pack	Approximate quantities.	Location.	Price ex where lying.
1	INDIGENOUS RUM	24 x 1 qt. bottles in a case.	8094 gallons	No. 9, I.R.B.S.D., Vizagapatam.	Rs. 6/- per gallon inclusive of packing.
2	—do— Unfit for human consumption.	-do-	12744 „	-do-	Rs. 3/- per gallon inclusive of packing.

2. Excise duty or other charges if any leviable on the above stocks will be paid by the purchaser direct to the Provincial Excise authorities and will not be included in the price quoted. RUM unfit for human consumption will be sold to the public as spirit for commercial purposes only.

3. Intending purchasers are invited to submit offers in sealed envelopes marked Tender No. H-282(F) for the whole or part of the above stocks, to the Chief Director of Purchase, on basis of the Food Department "Special conditions of sale" and "Conditions of contract" contained in Form FD(M)70 copies of which are obtainable on application from the Chief Director of Purchase.

4. Offers will be considered rate quoted being equal strictly on priority of receipt from and after 11 A. M. on the 6-2-47 and contracts of sale will be concluded subject to availability. Last date of receipt of offers is 10-2-47.

5. Intending purchasers should state in their offers that they agree to abide by the terms and conditions governing sale.

6. Earnest Money, calculated at 5% of the value of goods tendered must accompany each offer in the form of Deposit at call Receipt or Demand Draft from the Imperial Bank of India or the Reserve Bank of India or any Scheduled Bank or Treasury Challan (Classified under head "Revenue Deposit") in favour of the Chief Director of Purchase.

7. Offers not accompanied by Earnest Money in the prescribed form will not be considered

8. Earnest Money is liable to be forfeited to Government if the offer is revoked before the 12th March 1947. (1642)

NOTICE
BOMBAY PORT TRUST.
LAND AND BUNDERS DEPARTMENT.

THE FOLLOWING PLOT is to be leased and will be put up to Auction in the Office of the undersigned at Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay, at 3-00 p.m. on the date mentioned below:—

Estate.	Plot No. or Description	Approx. Area in Sq. yards.	User.	Period of lease. Years.	Date of Auction.
Elphinstone.	Plot No. 5 at Manson & Frere Road.	1070	Shops, Offices or godowns for non-hazardous goods on the ground floor and offices and residences on the upper floors.	99	6-2 1947.

2. Copies of full particulars and conditions of auction are obtainable from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rupee one only (per estate).

3. The site plans and draft agreements to lease with forms of lease annexed may be seen at the office of the undersigned during the office hours on any working day except Saturdays.

H. G. DOSHI,
B.E., M.I.E.
Manager.

Bombay 24th January, 1947. 1665

NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR STATIONERY & PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The date for receiving and opening of tenders for the purchase of stationery articles etc. (Schedule I to V) has been extended to 28th February, 1947 and 1st March, 1947 respectively instead of 31st January, 1947 and 1st February, 1947.

(Sd.) R. GHOSH,
Superintendent,
Bihar Government Printing, Patna. 1655

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK LIMITED.

Head Office—BOMBAY.

6 PER CENT PER ANNUM DIVIDEND (FREE OF TAX)

THE NET PROFIT of the National Savings Bank Ltd. for the Year ended 31st December, 1946 including a sum of Rs. 2,41,399-12-4 brought forward from the previous year aggregates Rs. 9,41,861-5-3.

The Directors recommended the appropriation of profit as under:

Transfer to Reserve Fund (bringing the Reserve Fund to Rs. 8,25,000/-).	Rs. 2,25,000-0-0
Payment of Dividend	Rs. 2,75,036-8-0
Payment of Bonus to staff	Rs. 40,000.-0-0
Balance carried forward (including provision for taxation)	Rs. 4,01,824-13-3
Total	Rs. 9,41,861-5-3

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G.I.P. RLY. TENDERS

THE DISTRICT CONTROLLER, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 14-2-47 for the supply of vegetables at the Railway's Grainshops at Igatpuri, Manmad and Nandgaon. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 1663

DACCA UNIVERSITY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for Professorship in the Department of Chemistry on a salary in the scale of Rs. 600-50/2-1,000 p.m. initial salary depending on qualifications. The appointment will be made for two years in the first instance to be renewed till the age of retirement on approved service In the event of a candidate with outstanding qualifications being available for the post the candidate selected may be offered a higher salary than Rs. 1,000 and he may be appointed on a contract for a period of about five years. Nine copies of applications and of all testimonials together with the names and addresses of three referees must reach the Registrar not later than the 31st May. 1947 For full particulars please apply to the Registrar, Dacca University P.O Ramna, Dacca, East Bengal. India. 1588

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND

SEPARATE applications are invited before 15-3-1947 from persons with approved war service and officers of the Indian National Army who are natives of Bombay Province for (1) four posts in the Bombay Medical Service, Class I (Division 1) and (2) seven posts in the Bombay Medical Service Class II (Men's Branch). AGE.—on 1-5-1947 for Class I posts, not more than 32 years. For Class II posts, not more than 28 years for M.B.B.S. and not more than 30 for post-graduates. In both cases the age limits will be relaxed by the length of war service of the candidates concerned. QUALIFICATIONS.—For Class I, M.B.B.S. or an equivalent degree AND such higher qualifications as imply fitness for the medical and surgical charge of a general hospital. For Class II, M.B.B.S. degree of Bombay University or any other qualification specified in the 1st or 2nd Schedule of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1933. PAY.—FOR CLASS I, Rs. 350-850. (Probationers Rs. 300 per mensem for two years). FOR CLASS II, Rs. 200-400. (Probationers Rs. 150/- per mensem for the 1st year and Rs. 180/- per mensem for the 2nd year). Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and Postal Order for Re 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply details on request. 1591

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DISTRICT CONTROLLER, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 P.M. on 11-2-47 for the supply of Kardi Oil from 1-3-47 to the Railway's grainshop at Sholapur. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 1664

DACCA UNIVERSITY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the Professorship of English on a salary in the scale of Rs. 600-50/2-1,000 p.m. initial salary depending on qualifications. The appointment will be made for two years in the first instance and may be renewed on approved service till the age of retirement. In the event of a candidate with outstanding qualifications being available for the post the candidate selected may be offered a higher salary than Rs. 1,000 and he may be appointed on a contract for a period of about 5 years. Nine copies of applications and of all testimonials together with names and addresses of three referees should reach the Registrar not later than the 31st May, 1947. For full particulars please apply to the Registrar, Dacca University. P.O. Ramna, Dacca, East Bengal India. 1589

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE GUJRAT COSMOPOLITAN CLUB, LTD.

Kabibai Trust Building,
Musjid Bunder Road, Bombay-3

NOTICE OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The members of the above are hereby informed that the Second Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held on 20-2-47 at 5 P.M. at the Club's Office to transact the following business.

1. To consider and adopt the audited statements of accounts and Directors' report.
2. To elect new Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

By order of the Board,
for Gujrat Cosmopolitan Club, Ltd.,
RAYA R. R., LL.B.,
Secretary.

Bombay, dated 21-1-47.

N.B.:—Messrs' register shall remain closed from 1-2-47 to 20-2-47. 1661

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES

Office of the Textile Commissioner
(Branch Secretariat)
BOMBAY

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for a temporary post of Deputy Director in the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, on a pay of Rs. 750/- per mensem in the scale of Rs. 750-35-925-50-1275. In addition, the usual cost of living allowance (hitherto known as War Allowance) and Bombay compensatory and House rent allowances will be admissible according to the rules. QUALIFICATIONS: The candidate should possess a Degree of a recognised University, or recognized diploma in Mining and should be thoroughly conversant with the grading, marketing and transportation of coal. Experience of boiler Plant would be considered as additional qualification. Only candidates possessing extensive experience in the above line in responsible positions need apply.

Application forms (which can be had on request) duly filled in, should reach the Assistant Secretary (Administration), Department of Industries and Supplies, Branch Secretariat, III Floor, Ahmedabad House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, not later than the 20th February, 1947. 1660

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES

Office of the Director of Supplies,
Bombay Circle, Bombay

TENDER NOTICE

DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES, Bombay invites Tender No. BOM-E-606 to reach him on or before 11 a.m. on 3-2-47 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his Office at Rs. 5/-, (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash or by Money Order or Indian Postal Order (quoting Tender No., Full Name and Address of the Remitter) for:—

Description	Qnty.
1. Brake Block, 1'-0" long with one lug-material cast Iron to IRS Drg. No. W-900 Alt. 1	5000 Nos.

Applicants not already on approved list of this Department or the late Department of Supply, must give their Bankers' reference on application for Tender Forms. Tender forms will not be issued to firms already blacklisted. 1659

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from persons with "Approved war service" and also outsiders who are natives of the Province of Bombay for six posts of District Officers, Industrial Co-operatives and Village Industries, in the Subordinate Co-operative Service in the scales of pay mentioned below. The posts are temporarily sanctioned upto 29-2-1948 but likely to be made permanent and pensionable. Persons already in Government service are eligible provided they are permitted to apply by the heads of their Departments and in their cases the upper age limit will not apply.

PAY:—

1 Post in the scale of Rs. 180-10-270.
3 Posts in the scale of Rs. 135-5-180.
2 Posts in the scale of Rs. 95-5-130.

plus additional pay and dearness allowance permissible under orders of Government. A higher starting pay than the minimum may be given in the case of a candidate with exceptionally good qualifications or/and experience. Candidates should be prepared to tour in rural areas and must have an aptitude to approach and win the confidence of artisans of all classes and must be capable of initiating measures necessary for the promotion of cottage and village industries.

QUALIFICATIONS:—A degree or a diploma in Textile, mechanical or electrical Engineering or Technology or any such industry as tanning, or a degree in science, commerce, agriculture, or economics with a second class. For posts in the lowest grade of Rs. 95-5-130 applications from intermediate and backward class Candidates having the degree in science, commerce, agriculture or economics with a pass class, will also be considered.

AGE:—Candidates should not be over 25 years in the case of advanced class and 28 years in the case of intermediate and backward class, on the date of selection. Age limit in the case of persons with practical experience will be relaxed upto a period of 3 years. In the case of candidates with "Approved war service" in computing the candidate's age the period of war service will be excluded.

Applicants should supply full details in the printed prescribed form of application copies of which can be had on requisition accompanied by an addressed (large) envelope bearing postage stamps of the value of two and half annas and on payment of 1/- rupee for each form (either in cash from the office of the Jt. Registrar, Industrial Co-operatives and Village Industries, or by an Indian Postal Order NOT CROSSED in favour of the Personal Assistant to the Jt. Registrar, Industrial Co-operatives and Village Industries). Payment by postage stamps will not be accepted. Applications should reach the undersigned before 12-2-1947.

No intimation will be sent to unsuccessful candidates.

D. A. SHAH,
Jt. Registrar
for Industrial Co-operatives
and Village Industries, Poona.

Poona, 24th January, 1947. 1657

DACCA UNIVERSITY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for Professorship in Sanskrit from July, 1947 on a salary in the scale of Rs. 600-50/2-800 p.m., the initial salary depending upon the qualifications of the candidate. Nine copies of application and of all testimonials should reach the Registrar not later than 31st March, 1947. For full particulars please apply to the Registrar. 1587

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all claims against the Central Joint War Organisation of the Indian Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association (Indian Council) which has been taken over by the Joint Council of the Indian Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association (Indian Council) must be presented for settlement to the Honorary Treasurer of the Joint Council, Kelvin Grove, Simla, by the 15th February, 1947.

BALWANT SINGH PURI
Secretary, Joint Council. 1667

INCOME-TAX DEPARTMENT
BOMBAY MOFUSSIL

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for appointment as Stenotypists in the Income-tax Offices at various stations in the Bombay Presidency other than Bombay City. The Scale of pay is Rs. 40-5-60 E.B.-5-80 plus a special pay of Rs. 20/- P.M. For Poona and Nasik the initial pay will be Rs. 45/- P.M. Additional pay, dearness and compensatory allowance on the usual scales will also be admissible. Applicants should have passed the matriculation or an equivalent examination and should have a minimum speed of 80 words per minute in shorthand and 30 words per minute in typewriting. There will be no restriction regarding domicile but preference will be given to residents of Province of Bombay, outside of Bombay City. Applications stating age, community, qualifications and previous experience should be addressed to the Inspecting Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax, Poona, Ahmedabad and Surat, having their head offices at Poona, Ahmedabad and Surat respectively, so as to reach them not later than 10th FEBRUARY, 1947. Candidates who will be required to appear for an interview either at Poona, Ahmedabad or Surat will have to attend at their own expense. Age limit 25 years (with the usual concession for War Service Candidates and existing Government employees) may be relaxed in suitable cases. Persons already in Government service should apply through their official superiors.

COMMISSIONER OF INCOME-TAX,
Bombay Mofussil.

Bombay: 17th January, 1947. 1662

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE OFFICES of the Shree Niwas Cotton Mills Ltd., Bombay are being shifted from the 27th instant from the Mills Premises at Delisle Road, Bombay. 13 to "Shreeniwas House" (formerly known as Currimbhoy House) at Waudby Road, Fort, Bombay. 1654

DACCA UNIVERSITY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the Professorship of Philosophy on a salary in the scale of Rs. 600-50/2-800 p.m. initial salary depending on qualifications. If a suitable candidate for Professorship be not available a Reader will be appointed in place of the Professor in the scale of Rs. 400-40/2-600. Candidates are required to state in the application whether they are willing to accept the Readership if it is offered to them. The appointment will be made for two years in the first instance and may be renewed on approved service till the age of retirement. Nine copies of application and of all testimonials should reach the Registrar not later than the 31st March, 1947. For fuM particulars please apply to the Registrar. 1586

NAWANAGAR STATE, JAMNAGAR.

WANTED MUNICIPAL OFFICER for the City of Jamnagar with a population of over a lac; must possess sound administrative knowledge and be well up in executive outdoor duties pertaining Sanitation, Drainage, Water Supply, etc., etc. Apply with testimonials to undersigned, stating age, qualifications, salary expected, and detailing experience.

By Shri Huzur Order,
NOWROJI MERWANJI,
Ag. Home Member,
Nawanagar State.

Jamnagar,
Dated 10th January, 1947. (1446)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. BHAWANJI DEVJI has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 8 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land, situate at Telang Cross Street Dadar in Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and containing by admeasurement 639 square yards or thereabouts being plot No. 377 of the Dadar-Matunga estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay and bounded on or towards the North by Telang Cross Street, on or towards the South by Plot No. 370 belonging to Bhawanji Devji and others, or on towards the East by Plot No. 378 agreed to be leased to Keshavji Nevatia and or on towards the West by Plot No. 376 agreed to be leased to Nanji Ramji.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1947.

MULLA & MULLA
Purchasers' Attorneys. 1653

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that Mr. LAWRENCE MANUAL GOMES of Bombay Christian Inhabitant has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim, interest or demand, howsoever, against, in, to or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, inheritance, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, trusts, easements, maintenance, share, possession or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof failing which the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim, interest or demand howsoever, and the same, if any, shall be deemed and treated as having been waived or abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All those pieces or parcels of Khoti land or ground lying and being at Kurla in Greater Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and bearing the following numbers:—

Survey No.	Hissa No.	Area
40	8	13¾ gunthas
40	6	5¼ gunthas
		19 gunthas (2,299 sq. yds.)

Dated this 24th day of January, 1947.

MOHILE & PAREKH,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 1656

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